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Annual Prescription Drug Takeback Event, April 24!

INYO COUNTY, CA. April 15, 2021 - On Saturday, April 24 from 8:00am to noon Inyo County will be hosting the annual Prescription Drug Takeback event. This event gives Inyo County residents the opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. You can bring medications for disposal at any of the four collection sites. The service is free, and anonymous – no questions asked!

- **Bishop:** outside Vons, 1190 N. Main Street
- **Big Pine:** Fire Department, 181 N. Main Street
- **Lone Pine:** outside McDonalds, 601 S. Main Street
- **Tecopa:** Community Center, 400 Tecopa Hot Springs Road

The service is in accordance with the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Drug Takeback Initiative and addresses both public safety as well as public health issues. [Opioid abuse](#) has been particularly difficult to combat; many of the opioid overdoses are directly related to prescribed medications.

As you are preparing for the event please keep the following in mind for disposal:

You CAN submit:

- *Controlled substance medication
- *Non-controlled substance medication
- *Over the counter medication
- *Medication samples
- *Medicated ointments, creams, and lotions
- *Inhalers

You CAN'T submit

- *Sharps, needles, lancets, or syringes
- *Any mercury or cadmium products (thermometers or batteries)
- *Medical waste (IV bags, used bandages, gowns, bio-hazard items)
- *Aerosol Cans
- *Chemicals or disinfectants such as hydrogen peroxide
- *Personal care items such as shampoo
- *Liquid anything

Agencies participating include: Inyo County Sheriff's Office, Inyo County Probation Department, Inyo County Health and Human Services, Northern Inyo Hospital District, and Major Investigation and Narcotics Team (MINT).