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Indiana Professional Licensing Agency and Indiana Board of Pharmacy collect a total of 987 lbs of unused medications during DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Indianapolis, IN – On Saturday, the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) and Indiana Board of Pharmacy collected 987 pounds of unused or expired medications during the 16<sup>th</sup> National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

Twice each year, the IPLA partners with the community and local law enforcement officials to sponsor multiple locations around the state to provide a convenient location for Hoosiers to drop off old or expired medications. In total, IPLA sponsored drop-off sites have collected over 2,200 pounds of unused prescription medications in 2018.

Proper disposal of unused or expired medications ensures that medications will not be misused by friends or family, and protects against unintentional environmental hazards.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is held nationwide in spring and fall to make it easier for individuals to dispose of unwanted or expired medications. However, year-round drop off locations exist in neighborhoods all over the state. To find one near you, please visit [deadiversion.usdoj.gov](http://deadiversion.usdoj.gov).

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Law enforcement officials and IU students hold signs at IU North Campus in Gary, Indiana.



Community partners stand with packaged medications at Community South Hospital in Indianapolis.



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Medications are packaged at Sam's Club Pharmacy drop off location in Greenwood, Indiana



Law enforcement official bags medications at Sam's Club Pharmacy in Greenwood, Indiana.

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