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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO ANNOUNCES NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG 'TAKE-BACK' DAY**

**Las Vegas, NV** – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced the next prescription drug roundup, held in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) "National Prescription Drug Take-Back" event, is scheduled to take place across Nevada on Saturday, September 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"National Prescription Drug Take-Back day is an excellent opportunity for people to properly dispose of unused or out of date prescriptions," said Masto. "Helping the community have proper avenues to dispose of their prescription drugs helps curb substance misuse and abuse. I would urge Nevadans to be mindful about leaving medications in easily accessible areas as it can fall into the wrong hands."

In addition, people are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

When the results of the four Take-Back Days to date are combined, the DEA and its state, local, and tribal law enforcement and community partners have removed over 1.5 million pounds (774 tons) of medication from circulation.

Collection sites located in Nevada include: Boulder City, Carson City, Dayton, Fernley, Gardnerville, Henderson, Las Vegas, Nellis AFB, North Las Vegas, Reno, Sparks, Virginia City, Wellington, Winnemucca, Yerington, and Zephyr Cove.

Specific collection sites near you can be found at [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) by clicking on the "Got Drugs?" banner at the top of the home page. By entering your zip code you will be connected to a database of nearby sites.

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