

# *Pueblo County* **Sheriff**

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## News Release

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### **Deputies Collecting Unwanted Prescription Drugs at Annual Take Back Event**

**Pueblo, CO:** The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office will host three locations this Saturday, October 29, for citizens to drop off their expired, unwanted or unused prescription drugs as part of the annual National Drug Take Back event.

Sheriff's deputies will be collecting the unwanted prescription medications from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following locations:

- Pueblo County Sheriff's Office West Sub-Station, 320 Joe Martinez Blvd.
- Pueblo Rural Fire Station, 29912 U.S. Highway 50 E (between Wago Drive and 30<sup>th</sup> Lane)
- Valley Health Mart Pharmacy, 4493 Bent Brothers Blvd. Colorado City

The drugs are accepted anonymously and will be disposed of in a safe manner. There is no charge for the service.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back was started by the Drug Enforcement Administration to get unused or outdated drugs out of homes so they cannot be misused or abused. Studies show that many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Many people do not know how to properly dispose of unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away, both potential safety and health hazards.

Items that cannot be accepted at the Drug Take Back are needles and sharps, mercury thermometers, oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters and illicit drugs.

For more information about the program, go to [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov).

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