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HELP REDUCE MISUSE & ABUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
Drug Take Back Day offers a safe and confidential way to get rid of unused prescription drugs.

Durham, NH– On April 30, 2016, the UNH Police Department, UNH Health Services and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will offer Drug Take-Back Day. This event offers individuals a safe, free and confidential way to dispose of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. By eliminating these unused medications, we can reduce misuse, abuse and accidental poisoning.

It’s important to dispose of medications the right way. Do not flush medications down the toilet where they can contaminate groundwater and waterways. The easiest, safest way to dispose of medications is at a Drug Take-Back location:

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY: APRIL 30

UNH Police Department: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
18 Waterworks Road
Durham, NH 03824
603-862-1427

UNH Health Services, Pharmacy: Noon to 4 p.m.
4 Pettee Brook Lane
Durham, NH 03824
603-862-2183

ONGOING; WEEKDAYS ONLY

Durham Police Department: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
86 Dover Road
Durham, NH 03824
603-868-2324
This location will not accept medications on Saturday, April 30. Pills only.

Learn more about drug take-back day at www.unh.edu/health-services/ohep/other-drugs/prescription-drug-take-back. For more information, contact UNH Police at 603-862-1427.

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