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Wisconsin's Drug Take Back Collection Ranks Number ONE in the Nation for the Tenth Consecutive Time

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) today announced that Wisconsin ranked number one throughout the country for the most prescription medications collected during the [spring 2026 Drug Take Back collection](#). Wisconsin collected 57,054 lbs. of unwanted medications this spring. This is the tenth consecutive Drug Take Back collection that Wisconsin has been number one in the nation for the most medications collected.

“This is the tenth time in a row that Wisconsin has led the nation in Drug Take Back,” said Attorney General Josh Kaul. “Thank you to those whose collaborative efforts have helped lead to this remarkable success and to the folks across Wisconsin who have safely disposed of medications.”

Wisconsin has collected a total of 1,480,024 lbs. of unwanted medications since Drug Take Back began in 2010 under the leadership of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Wisconsin ranks third in the nation for the most medications collected since inception, falling only behind Texas with 1,598,159 lbs. and California with 1,530,511 lbs. collected. Nationwide, since inception, 21,034,225 lbs. of unwanted medications have been collected during Drug Take Back events.

The DEA leads two Drug Take Back days a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. DOJ partners with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to promote Drug Take Back throughout Wisconsin. Drug Take Back provides a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the community about the potential abuse and consequences of improper storage and disposal of these medications.

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Wisconsin's Drug Take Back events are supported in part by Fuchs Trucking, Reworld, the Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, Waukesha County, Waukesha County Sheriff's Office, and all participating local law enforcement agencies.

While Drug Take Back Day only happens twice a year, any day can be Drug Take Back Day at one of Wisconsin's more than 500 permanent drug disposal boxes. These boxes are accessible year-round at law enforcement agencies, hospitals, pharmacies and health clinics. To find a permanent drug disposal box near you, go to: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/permanent-drug-drop-boxes.htm>.