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— Palm Beach County
Behavioral Health Coalition

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Drug Take Back Day Returns April 25

Countywide effort to safely dispose of unused medications

WEST PALM BEACH, FL (April 20, 2026) — Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition (PBCBHC), in partnership with local organizations, will host the upcoming DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 25, 2026, encouraging residents to safely dispose of unused, expired, or unwanted medications at select Walgreens locations throughout Palm Beach County.

This initiative provides a safe, convenient way for community members to clear out their medicine cabinets while helping protect children, pets, and the environment. Proper disposal also helps reduce the risk of misuse and keeps medications out of local waterways and landfills.

The Take Back Day event is part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) national initiative to promote safe medication disposal. Over the past decade, this effort has helped remove millions of pounds of unused medications from communities across the country. Locally, PBCBHC has collected an average of nearly 300 pounds of unused or expired medications per year at Take Back Day events. By removing unused medications from the home, Take Back Day helps reduce the risk of misuse, including taking medications in ways not intended, using someone else's prescription, or using medications for nonmedical purposes. It also helps prevent accidental exposure, as unused medications left in the home can be accessed by children or pets and lead to injury or even hospitalization.

In partnership with Palm Beach County and local organizations, the Coalition continues to support year-round access to safe disposal options for residents. This year, PBCBHC collaborated with key community partners, including the Health Council of Southeast Florida, the Village of Wellington, Palm Beach County Community Services, the Boynton Beach Police

Department, Safe Kids Palm Beach County, Community Partners of South Florida, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Palm Beach County Community Services Department, and Walgreens.

Palm Beach County offers more than 50 year-round medication disposal locations, which can be found at PBCDrop.org. Naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal medication, is also widely accessible. Free naloxone kits are available through iSaveFL.com, a statewide initiative that provides access to lifesaving resources. Community members are encouraged to obtain a kit, especially if they or someone they know may be at risk of witnessing or experiencing an opioid overdose.

Community partners are also invited to get involved. Organizations interested in hosting a resource table at one of this year's Take Back Day locations are encouraged to contact prevention@pbcchc.org.

Take Back Day events will take place at several Walgreens locations throughout Palm Beach County on April 25, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.:

BELLE GLADE

Location: Walgreens

Address: 101 N Main St, Belle Glade, FL 33430

BOYNTON BEACH

Location: Walgreens

Address: 1601 S Congress Ave, Boynton Beach, FL 33426

LANTANA

Location: Walgreens

Address: 6558 S Lantana Rd, Lantana, FL 33467

WELLINGTON

Location: Walgreens

Address: 10420 Forest Hill Blvd, Wellington, FL 33414

For more information, please contact Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition at prevention@pbcchc.org.

About Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition

Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition empowers youth, families, and community partners with education, resources, and prevention programs that support healthy choices. By uniting parents, schools, and local leaders, we work to reduce substance misuse and build safer, stronger, and more resilient communities across Palm Beach County. Since 1982, our Coalition has played a vital role in advancing efforts to keep our communities healthy, safe, and drug-free, and we remain committed to empowering youth, parents, and neighborhoods through education, advocacy, and support. We invite you to take an active role in shaping the future of Palm Beach County by joining one of our task forces, attending our events, or sponsoring our

initiatives. Your involvement helps protect families, empower youth, and create lasting change. Together, we can build a healthier future. To learn more, get involved, or access resources, visit www.pcbhc.org

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