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**LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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## *National Drug Take Back Event*

The Lane County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will be hosting the National Drug Take Back Event on Saturday, October 28th, 2017, aimed at providing a resource for Lane County residents to safely, securely and anonymously turn in their unwanted, outdated or expired household medicines. The Sheriff's Office has participated in this program for several years and has been successful in removing hundreds of pounds of medications for safe disposal. **In April 2017, over 252 pounds of medications were turned in by community members in Lane County at the Drug Take Back Event.**

**Bring your unwanted, outdated, or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications to the following location for safe disposal:**

**Where: Florence Bi-Mart**  
**4310 Highway 101, Florence**

**When: Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

***Acceptable items:* Prescription medications, over the counter medications, vitamins, drug samples, pet medications, ointments, lotions, and liquid medicines in glass or leak proof containers.**

***We are unable to accept:* Needles, thermometers, bloody or infectious waste, medications from businesses, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, inhalers, and diabetic meters.**

Thousands of pounds of medications have been turned in at sites operated by the DEA and its state and local law enforcement partners. In addition, Americans 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.

If you are unable to attend the Drug Take Back Event and you have medications you would like to dispose of, the Lane County Sheriff's Office has a Drug Drop Box located in our Central Reception lobby in the Lane County Courthouse that is available to accept medications Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, excluding legal holidays.

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