

Over seven tons of meds collected  
**(KAIR)--More than seven tons.**

**That's the amount of unused and unwanted medication collected in Kansas during the April 27 Drug Take-Back Day.**

**According to a news release issued by the office of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, law enforcement officers collected 13,638 pounds of medicine at 116 locations throughout Kansas.**

**Among the local agencies taking part was the Atchison County Sheriff's Office.**

**Sheriff Jack Laurie reminds area residents that medication can be properly disposed of anytime, not just during Drug Take-Back events. "We have a drop box here at the Sheriff's Office, in the lobby, that anybody can come in and drop that medication off at any time, even after hours. Live Well, Live Atchison also has placed boxes throughout the community and they have a few different locations that they accept medication as well."**

**The Brown County Sheriff's Office also collects medication anytime at its Hiawatha office.**

**According to Schmidt's release, Kansans have safely destroyed a total of 176,796 pounds of medications in the 17 collection days that have been held since 2010.**

**Law enforcement agencies turn the drugs they collect over to the DEA, which safely destroys the medications.**

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