

Drug Take Back Day Saturday

(KNZA)--Saturday is National Drug Take Back Day.

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, in a news release, said law enforcement officers at locations across the state will be collecting unused medications for safe disposal.

In addition, U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister said vapes and cartridges will also be accepted at drop off locations throughout Kansas.

Collection events will be held Saturday from 10:00 in the morning until 2:00 in the afternoon. Locally, drop-off locations include the Atchison County Sheriff's Office in Atchison, Brown County Sheriff's Office in Hiawatha, and Nemaha County Sheriff's Office in Seneca.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, in a release, said his office will collect unused and unwanted drugs near the entrance of the Holton Walmart from 10 until 2:00 Saturday.

There will be two drop-off locations in Leavenworth---CVS Pharmacy and Wal-Mart Pharmacy.

The collection events are part of a nationwide effort to safely dispose of leftover medications to prevent accidental or intentional misuse.

The National Drug Take-Back Day is coordinated by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, which collects and safely destroys the medications.

Unused medications can be turned in year-round at many local law enforcement locations.

Since the Drug Take-Back Day program began in 2010, Schmidt said more than 88 tons of unwanted medications have been collected and destroyed in Kansas alone.

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