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**Scottsburg, Indiana** – On April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Scott County Partnership in cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will be holding its next drive-thru Drug Take Back Day in the Wal-Mart parking lot, on the backside of the garden fence. The National Prescription Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. This service is free and anonymous, no questions asked!

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high; almost twice as many Americans (6.8 million) currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those abusing cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens and inhalants combined, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Previous Take Back Days over the past few years have brought in nearly 400 tons of pills at over 6000 collection sites across the states. “The DEA Prescription Drug Take Back events provide a much needed and valued service to Scott County residents, while also reducing prescription drug abuse and trafficking,” said CEASe Coordinator Lori Croasdell and Prevention Coordinator LeAnn Osterhoudt.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 30 Take Back Day event, go to the [DEA Diversion website](#) or contact [lcroasdell@me.com](mailto:lcroasdell@me.com) or [leann.osterhoudt@scottcountypartnership.org](mailto:leann.osterhoudt@scottcountypartnership.org)