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DEA National Prescription Take-Back Day April 24, 2021

Location: YCSO Foothills Substation, 13190 E. South Frontage Road – Yuma, AZ

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office will be participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Take-Back Day on **Saturday, April 24, 2021** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Medications for disposal can be dropped off at the YCSO Foothills Substation at 13190 E. South Frontage Road. This service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This is the DEA's 20th take-back event, providing the public the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The YCSO will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs. We will also accept vaping devices and cartridges provided lithium batteries are removed. Liquids, syringes and other sharps, and illegal drugs will not be accepted.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. has seen an increase in overdose deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic, with 83,544 Americans overdosing during the 12-month period ending July 1, 2020, the most ever recorded in a 12-month period. The increase in drug overdose deaths appeared to begin prior to the COVID-19 health emergency, but accelerated significantly during the first months of the pandemic.

If you miss this event, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Main Office serves as a full-time drop-off location. For more information regarding the YCSO Prescription Drug Take-Back Program, please visit http://yumacountysheriff.org/services-drug_disposal.html.

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