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IEUA Encourages Safe Medication Disposal for National Take Back Day

INLAND EMPIRE, CA – The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) is joining communities nationwide in supporting the Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA) National Take Back Day. On Saturday, October 24, from 10 AM to 2 PM, participating collection sites throughout IEUA’s service area will accept unwanted, unused, and expired prescription medications. **This FREE and anonymous service** provides residents with a safe and convenient way to dispose of medications. **No questions asked.**

As a regional wastewater treatment agency and wholesale water provider, IEUA encourages residents to consider how everyday disposal choices can impact our water resources. Medications should never be flushed down the toilet, poured down the drain, or improperly discarded, as pharmaceuticals can enter wastewater systems and affect water quality.

National Take Back Day provides a safe, convenient, and free way for residents to dispose of unwanted, unused, and expired medications. The event also supports the goals of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts’ “No Drugs Down the Drain” campaign, reminding residents that proper medication disposal helps keep pharmaceuticals out of our water supply and protects our waterways, environment, and public health.

To learn more about safe disposal methods, please visit www.dea.gov/takebackday.

The following is a partial list of local medication drop-off locations:

- Chino – Walgreens, 12490 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710
- Chino Hills – Albertsons, 15970 Los Serranos Country Club Drive, Chino Hills, CA 91709
- Fontana – CVS Pharmacy, 9840 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335
- Montclair – CVS Pharmacy, 4535 Holt Boulevard, Montclair, CA 91763
- Ontario – CVS Pharmacy, 2456 S. Grove Avenue, Ontario, CA 91761
- Rancho Cucamonga – Albertsons, 8850 Foothill Boulevard, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
- Upland – CVS Pharmacy, 100 W. Foothill Boulevard, Upland, CA 91786
- Rialto – CVS Pharmacy, 211 W. Base Line Road, Rialto, CA 92376

For additional National Take Back Day collection locations, please visit <https://www.dea.gov/takebackday#collection-locator>.

For information about year-round disposal locations, please visit <https://apps.dea diversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/main;jsessionid=Z6BiCBV2kNVtuTd7wbQ0ngnhMI5UEXRJ5MFNYX-S.web1?execution=e1s1>.

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The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency) is an innovative, forward-thinking Agency serving over 950,000 residents across 242-square miles in western San Bernardino County. The Agency is committed to supporting the needs of its service area and safeguarding public health through its significant investments in developing a diversified water supply portfolio,

developing reliable municipal/industrial wastewater collection and treatment services, and other related utility services in a regionally planned and cost-effective manner. IEUA's mission ensures long-term success for the region and its customer agencies which include Chino, Chino Hills, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Fontana, Fontana Water Company, Montclair, Monte Vista Water District, Ontario, San Antonio Water Company, Upland, and West Valley Water District.