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San Luis Valley law enforcement agencies will be joining the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on **Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.** to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

DEA in conjunction with state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States conducted National Prescription Drug Take Back Days on Saturday, September 25, 2010 and April 25, 2011. Nearly, 4,000 state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the nation participated in these events, collecting more than 309 tons of pills.

Four days after last fall's Take-Back Day, Congress passed legislation amending the Controlled Substances Act to allow the DEA to develop a process for people to safely dispose of their prescription drugs. DEA immediately began developing this process after President Obama signed the Safe and Secure Drug Disposal Act of 2010 on October 12. Until that process is complete, however, DEA will continue to hold Take Back Days every six months.

The Alamosa Police Department along with other San Luis Valley law enforcement agencies is asking for community members to mark their calendars and participate in this very important event. Drop-off locations are listed below.

City	Agency	Location
Alamosa	Alamosa PD	City Market
Alamosa County	Alamosa County SO	Alamosa County Sheriff's Office
Monte Vista	Monte Vista PD	Ambulance Base – South Broadway
Del Norte	Del Norte PD	Jack's Market
Antonito	Antonito PD	Antonito Police Department
La Jara	La Jara PD	Conejos County Hospital
Costilla County	Costilla County SO	Blanca/Ft. Garland Community Center
Center	Center PD	Center Police Department
South Fork	South Fork PD	South Fork Community Center
Rio Grande County	Rio Grande County SO	Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office

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