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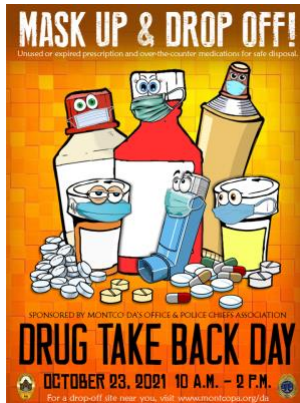
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DRUG TAKE BACK DAY IS OCTOBER 23rd

Montgomery County residents are asked to clean out medicine cabinets of unwanted, expired prescription and OTC meds



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 18, 2021) — Police across Montgomery County are ready to collect all unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications as part of Drug Take Back Day, organized by the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office and the Police Chiefs Association of Montgomery County. The event, at participating police departments across the county and three grocery stores, runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, October 23, 2021.

“Since 2010 when this Drug Take Back program started in Montgomery County, we have collected and safely disposed of approximately 92,000 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medicines. That is an astounding amount, and surely by getting these drugs out of homes, we have saved an overdose accident by a youngster or worse,” says District Attorney Steele. “We are looking with this Drug Take Back Day to go over the 100,000-pound milestone. Residents need to put the pills or the entire pill container into a Ziploc baggie and drop it off at a participating police department. It's that easy.”

Accepted during Drug Take Back Day—and throughout the year at permanent MedReturn boxes—are prescription and over-the-counter tablets and capsules, inhalers, creams, ointments, nasal sprays, pet medicines and vaping products. Not accepted are needles, liquid meds and intravenous/injectable solutions.

Participating sites for this upcoming Take Back Day include police departments and grocery stores. The current list of locations includes:

- **Abington Police Department**, 1166 Old York Road, Abington
- **Bridgeport Police Department**, 65 W. 4th Street, Bridgeport
- **Cheltenham Police Department**, 8230 Old York Rd, Elkins Park
- **Collegetown Police Department**, 491 E. Main St., Collegetown
- **Douglass Township Police Department**, 1320 East Philadelphia Ave., Gilbertsville
- **East Norriton Police Department**, 2501 Stanbridge Street, East Norriton
- **Hatboro Police Department**, 120 E. Montgomery Ave., Hatboro
- **Hatfield Township Police Department at the Administration Building**, 1950 School Rd., Hatfield
- **Lansdale Police Department**, 1 Vine St., Lansdale
- **Limerick Township Police Department**, 646 W. Ridge Pike, Limerick
- **Lower Merion Police Department**, 71 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore
- **Lower Moreland Police Department**, 640 Red Lion Rd., Huntingdon Valley
- **Lower Pottsgrove Township Police Department at the Sanatoga Fire Department**, 2222 E. High St., Pottstown
- **Lower Providence Township Police Department**, 100 Parklane Dr., Eagleville
- **Marlborough Township Police Department**, 6040 Upper Ridge Rd., Green Lane
- **Montgomery Township Police Department at Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center**, 1030 Horsham Rd., Montgomeryville
- **Narberth Police Department**, 100 Conway Ave., Narberth
- **New Hanover Township Police Department**, 2943 N. Charlotte St., Gilbertsville
- **North Wales Borough Police Department at Borough Hall**, 300 School St., North Wales
- **Pennsylvania State Police—Skippack Barracks**, 2047C Bridge Rd., Schwenksville
- **Pottstown Police Department**, 100 E. High St., Pottstown
- **Rockledge Borough Police Department**, 1 Park Avenue, Rockledge
- **Souderton Police Department**, 31 W. Summit Street, Souderton
- **Springfield Township Police Department**, 1510 Paper Mill Rd., Wyndmoor
- **Towamencin Township Police Department**, 1090 Troxel Rd., Lansdale

- **Upper Dublin Township Police Department**, 801 Loch Alsh Ave., Fort Washington
- **Upper Gwynedd Township Police Department**, 1 Parkside Place, West Point
- **Upper Merion Township Police Department**, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia
- **Upper Moreland Township Police Department**, 117 Park Ave., Willow Grove
- **Upper Perk Police Department**, 88 W. 6th St., Pennsburg
- **Upper Pottsgrove Police Department**, 1420 Heather Place, Pottstown
- **West Conshohocken Police Department**, 112 Ford St., West Conshohocken
- **West Norriton Township Police Department**, 1630 W. Marshall St., Norristown
- **West Pottsgrove Township Police Department**, 980 Grosstown Rd., Stowe
- **Whitemarsh Township Police Department**, 616 E. Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hills
- **Whitpain Township Police Department**, 960 Wentz Rd., Blue Bell

Grocery store locations staff by police:

- **Giant Food Store** (Upper Moreland Police), 315 York Rd., Willow Grove
- **Wegmans at Montgomery Mall** (Montgomery Township Police), North Wales
- **Wegmans** (Upper Providence Township Police), 600 Commerce Drive, Collegeville

The last Drug Take Back Day in April 2021 yielded 7,252 pounds of prescriptions and OTC medications. Since the Drug Take Back program began in 2010, more than 92,000 pounds of medicines have been collected and safely disposed of.

If residents can't make it to Drug Take Back Day on Oct. 23, unwanted medications can be dropped off and disposed of throughout the year at more than 50 permanent prescription drug disposal boxes, most of which are located at police departments. Some of these boxes were sponsored by the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association and some by Pennsylvania American Water in an effort to help keep our water supply safe.

Approved for Release:

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