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State House Early Collection Site for DEA Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

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BURLINGTON – The State House in Montpelier will serve as an early drop-off and disposal site for expired, unwanted or unused prescription drugs on Tuesday October 25, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's third National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day will officially open collection sites throughout Vermont on Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Forty sites were set up in 2010 in all 14 counties in Vermont.

The national effort will bring focus to the issue of prescription drug abuse. The service is free and anonymous.

"Drug diversion, when a person gets narcotics from their families', friends' or neighbors' medicine chests, is more common than most people think," said Barbara Cimaglio, deputy commissioner of health for alcohol & drug abuse programs. "We have to continually educate people on safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs."

Last September, more than 242,000 pounds — 121 tons — of prescription drugs were collected for disposal at nearly 4,100 sites nationwide operated by approximately 3,000 of the DEA's state and local law enforcement partners.

To find the nearest disposal site in your area visit <http://www.justice.gov/dea/index.htm>.

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