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## Vermont to Participate in DEA Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

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BURLINGTON – Expired, unwanted or unused prescription drugs can be dropped off for proper disposal at collection sites throughout Vermont on Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's third National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.



A total of 52 sites throughout Vermont are set up as collection sites and will be staffed by state and local police and county sheriff's departments.

Prescription drug abuse is a vital public safety and public health issue. The one-day effort will bring national 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 the Health Department's 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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