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Vermont to Participate in Second National 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 second National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

The Burlington Police Department on North Avenue, the Price Chopper parking lot on Shelburne Road in Burlington, the Colchester Police Department, and the University Mall parking lot in South Burlington are the four collection sites in Chittenden County. Sites will be set up throughout the state. Forty sites were set up in 2010 in all 14 counties in Vermont.

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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