



Press Release



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Wallingford Police Department Drug Take Back

On **Saturday, October 23, 2021**, the Wallingford Police Department in partnership with the Coalition for a Better Wallingford, will be participating in the Drug Enforcement Agency's one-day collaborative prescription drug take-back initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our community members homes. The Drug Take-Back Program will be held from **10 am-2 pm at the Wallingford Police Department**. Participants are asked to enter through the main driveway entrance of the Police Department on North Main Street and proceed to the Storage Facility located in the department's rear parking lot. Individuals will then exit the area through Wallace Ave. after dropping off their items.

This national initiative will provide an opportunity for the public to surrender pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. Expired, unused, or unwanted controlled substances in our homes are a potential source of supply for the increasing abuse of pharmaceutical drugs in the United States and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety every day. The collected medications will be disposed of at several incineration facilities located throughout New England that will convert the pharmaceutical waste into clean, renewable energy for use by local communities. Since 2010, this initiative has resulted in over 1.4 million pounds of pharmaceutical waste collected over twenty drug take-back events.

Please see the following (2) pages for additional information



If you don't properly dispose of the unused or expired prescription drugs in your home, they might find a new one.

Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.



Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse.

Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.

The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.

The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends—and the home medicine cabinet.

Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

Take-back programs are the best way to dispose of old drugs. But if a program is not available:

- Take the meds out of their bottles;
- Mix them with something unappealing like used kitty litter or coffee grounds;
- Seal them in a bag or disposable container, and throw that away.

For more information on prescription drug abuse, go to:

- www.DEA.gov
- www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com
- www.JustThinkTwice.com

