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DRUG TAKE BACK DAY IS APRIL 30th

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



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (April 20, 2022) — 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 runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 30, 2022, with 29 collection sites across Montgomery County, including at police departments, grocery stores, an elementary school and a public library.

“Since 2010 when this Drug Take Back program started in Montgomery County, we have collected and safely disposed of approximately 98,000 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.

There are 29 participating sites for this upcoming Drug Take Back Day, all staffed by police officers. The current list is (although additional sites may be added):

- **Cheltenham Police Department**, 8230 Old York Rd., Elkins Park
- **Douglass Township Police Department**, 1320 East Philadelphia Ave., Gilbertsville
- **Franconia Township Police Department at Franconia Elementary School**, 366 Harleysville Pk., Souderton
- **Hatboro Police Department**, 120 E. Montgomery Ave., Hatboro
- **Lansdale Borough Police Department**, 1 Vine St., Lansdale
- **Limerick Township Police Department**, 646 W. Ridge Pk., Limerick
- **Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department**, 1130 N. Bethlehem Pk., Spring House
- **Lower Moreland Township Police Department**, 640 Red Lion Rd., Huntingdon Valley
- **Lower Providence Township Police Department**, 100 Parklane Dr., Eagleville
- **Plymouth Township Police Department**, 700 Belvoir Rd., Plymouth
- **Pottstown Police Department**, 100 E. High St., Pottstown
- **Rockledge Borough Police Department**, 1 Park Ave., Rockledge
- **Royersford Borough Police Department**, 300 Main St., Royersford
- **Souderton Police Department**, 31 W. Summit St., Souderton
- **Springfield Township Police Department**, 1510 Paper Mill Rd., Wyndmoor
- **Towamencin Township Police Department**, 1090 Troxel Rd., Lansdale
- **Upper Dublin Township Police Department at Upper Dublin Public Library**, 520 Virginia Dr., Fort Washington
- **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 Township Police Department**, 1420 Heather Pl., Pottstown
- **West Conshohocken Borough Police Department**, 112 Ford St., West Conshohocken
- **West Norriton Township Police Department**, 1630 W. Marshall St., Norristown
- **Whitemarsh Township Police Department**, 616 E. Germantown Pk., Lafayette Hills
- **Whitpain Township Police Department**, 960 Wentz Rd., Blue Bell

Grocery store locations staffed by police:

- **Giant Food Store** (Upper Moreland Police), 315 York Rd., Willow Grove
- **Giant Food Store** (Montgomery Township Police), 1201 Knapp Rd., North Wales
- **Wegmans at Montgomery Mall** (Montgomery Township Police), 500 Montgomery Mall, North Wales
- **Wegmans** (Upper Providence Township Police), 600 Commerce Drive, Collegeville

The last Drug Take Back Day in October 2021 yielded 6,096 pounds of prescriptions and OTC medications. Since the Drug Take Back program began in 2010, more than 98,000 pounds of medicines have been collected and safely disposed of.

If residents can't make it to Drug Take Back Day on April 30, 2022, 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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