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**SATURDAY IS THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION'S NATIONAL
Rx DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

BROCKTON – This weekend, residents in Plymouth County have the opportunity to clean out their homes of unused or expired medications and discard them at local police departments and community centers for the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

On Saturday, October 25, the Drug Enforcement Administration will host DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at locations across the country. The Plymouth County Prescription Medication Disposal Program has provided drop boxes throughout the county provided by Reworld, a leader in sustainable waste solutions. In addition to police stations in nearly every community in Plymouth County, safe disposal receptacles can also be found in the campus police stations at Bridgewater State College, Massasoit Community College and Stonehill College.

Police departments in Abington, Carver, Hanover, Hull, Middleboro, Norwell, Rockland and Wareham will be hosting Drug Take Back Day events at their police stations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, while the Brockton and Kingston Police Departments will host their events at the Brockton Council on Aging and the Plymouth County Outreach Office in Kingston respectively. The East Bridgewater Police Department will also host an event at their Council on Aging.

"This October, help us as a community do our part to curb the country's ongoing overdose crisis by participating in the second of two annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Days," DA Cruz said. "Taking the time to get rid of unused and expired medications could help lessen the risk of drug theft and abuse in your home. This small but important step can make a meaningful impact on our streets and neighborhoods."

Unsecured medication can be misused or end up in the drinking water. People can safely dispose of tablets, capsules, patches and other solid forms of prescription drugs. Residents are asked to check their homes for prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, veterinary medications and nutritional supplements that are no longer needed or expired and bring those items to their local police station.

At the DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in April 2025, it is estimated that 310 tons of drugs were collected at 4,590 sites around the country.