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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **DRUG TAKE BACK DAY IS THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**

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



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 25, 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, Oct. 29, 2022, with 37 collection sites across Montgomery County, primarily at police departments along with two grocery stores.

"In the 12 years since we began this Drug Take Back program in an effort to make homes safer, we have collected and safely destroyed 103,000 pounds of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medicines. That is an astounding amount of drugs that will not be leeching into landfills or polluting our waterways," says District Attorney Steele. "The process is extremely easy—residents can put the pills/medications into a Ziploc baggie or leave them in the pill container, either way, and then drop it off at a participating police department or grocery store on Oct. 29. 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 or injectable solutions.

There are 37 participating sites for this upcoming Drug Take Back Day, all staffed by police officers. The current list is (although additional sites may be added):

- **Abington Township Police Department**, 1166 Old York Rd., Abington
- **Cheltenham Police Department**, 8230 Old York Rd., Elkins Park
- **Collegetown Borough Police Department**, 491 E. Main St., Collegetown
- **Douglass Township Police Department**, 1320 E. Philadelphia Ave., Gilbertsville
- **East Norriton Township Police Department**, 2501 Stanbridge St., East Norriton
- **Franconia Township Police Department at Franconia Elementary School**, 366 Harleysville Pike, Souderton
- **Hatboro Police Department**, 120 E. Montgomery Ave., Hatboro
- **Horsham Township Police Department**, 1025 Horsham Rd., Horsham
- **Lansdale Borough Police Department**, 1 Vine St., Lansdale
- **Limerick Township Police Department**, 646 W. Ridge Pike, Limerick
- **Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department**, 1130 N. Bethlehem Pike, Spring House
- **Lower Merion Township Police Department**, 71 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore
- **Lower Pottsgrove Township Police Department at the Sanatoga Fire Company**, 2222 E. High St., Pottstown
- **Lower Providence Township Police Department**, 100 Parklane Drive, Eagleville
- **Marlborough Township Police Department**, 6040 Upper Ridge Road, Green Lane
- **Narberth Police Department**, 100 Conway St., Narberth
- **New Hanover Police Department**, 2943 N. Charles St., Gilbertsville
- **Norristown Police Department**, 235 E. Airy St., Norristown
- **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**, 520 Virginia Drive, Fort Washington
- **Upper Gwynedd Township Police Department**, 1 Parkside Place, West Point
- **Upper Merion Township Police Department**, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia
- **Upper Perk Police Department**, 88 W. 6th St., Pennsburg
- **Upper Pottsgrove Township Police Department**, 1420 Heather Place, Pottstown
- **West Conshohocken Police Department at Borough Hall**, 112 Ford St., West Conshohocken

- **West Norriton Township Police Department**, 1630 W. Marshall St., Norristown
- **West Pottsgrove Township Police Department**, 980 Grosstown Rd., Stowe
- **Whitemarsh Township Police Department**, 616 E. Germantown Pike, 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
- **Redner's Warehouse Market (Montgomery Township Police)**, 1200 Welsh Rd., North Wales

The last Drug Take Back Day in April 2022 yielded 5,309 pounds of prescriptions and OTC medications. Since the Drug Take Back program began in 2010, more than 103,000 pounds of medicines have been collected and safely disposed of.

If residents can't make it to Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, Oct. 29, 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. A complete list of locations is on the DA's website at [www.montcopa.org/DA](http://www.montcopa.org/DA)

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