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RECORD 47 LOCATIONS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY SET TO ACCEPT UNWANTED MEDICINES AT THE OCT. 27th "DRUG TAKE BACK DAY"



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 18, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and the Police Chiefs Association of Montgomery County announced today the locations for the bi-annual prescription drug Take Back Day, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27. Forty-seven locations throughout Montgomery County will serve as drop-off locations for unwanted and expired medications.

The participating sites are:

- Abington Township Police Department, 1166 Old York Rd., Abington, PA 19001
- Ambler Police Department, 131 Rosemary Ave., Ambler, PA 19002
- Bridgeport Borough Police Department, 65 W. 4th St., Bridgeport, PA 19405
- Cheltenham Township Police Department, 8230 Old York Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19027
- Collegeville Police Department, 491 E. Main St., Collegeville, PA 19426
- Douglass Township Police Department at the Giant Food Store, 173 Holly Rd., Gilbertsville, PA 19525

- East Norriton Township Police Department, 2501 Stanbridge St., East Norriton, PA 19401
- Franconia Township Police Department at Franconia Elementary School, 366 Harleysville Pike, Souderton, PA 18964
- Hatboro Police Department, 120 E. Montgomery Ave., Hatboro, PA 19040
- Hatfield Township Police Department at the Administration Building, 1950 School Rd., Hatfield, PA 19440
- Horsham Township Police Department at the Giant Food Store, 314 Horsham Rd., Horsham, PA 19044
- Jenkintown Borough Police Department, 700 Summit Ave., Jenkintown, PA 19046
- Lansdale Police Department, 35 Vine St., Lansdale, PA 19446
- Limerick Township Police Department, 646 W. Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA 19468
- Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department, 1130 N. Bethlehem Pike, Spring House, PA 19477
- Lower Merion Police Department, 71 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003
- Lower Moreland Township Police Department, 640 Red Lion Rd., Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
- Lower Pottsgrove Township Police Department at Sanatoga Fire Company, 2222 E. High St., Pottstown, PA 19464
- Lower Providence Police Department, 100 Parklane Dr., Eagleville, PA 19403
- Lower Salford Township Police Department, 379 Main St., Harleysville, PA 19438
- Marlborough Township Police Department, 6040 Upper Ridge Rd., Green Lane, PA 18054
- Montgomery Township Police Department at Wegmans, 804 Bethlehem Pike, North Wales, PA 19440
- Narberth Police Department 100 Conway Ave., Narberth, PA 19072
- New Hanover Township Police Department, 2943 N. Charlotte St., Gilbertsville, PA 19525
- Norristown Police Department, 235 E. Airy St., Norristown, PA 19401
- North Wales Borough Police Department, 300 School St., North Wales, PA 19454
- Plymouth Township Police Department, 700 Belvoir Rd., Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
- Pottstown Police Department, 100 E. High St., Pottstown, PA 19464
- Rockledge Police Department, 1 Park Ave., Rockledge, PA 19046
- Royersford Police Department, 300 Main St., Royersford, PA 19468
- Souderton Borough Police Department, 31 West Summit St., Souderton, PA 18964
- Springfield Township Police Department, 1510 Paper Mill Rd., Wyndmoor, PA 19038
- Towamencin Township Police Department, 1090 Troxel Rd., Lansdale, PA 19446
- Upper Dublin Township Police Department, 801 Loch Alsh Ave., Fort Washington, PA 19034

- Upper Gwynedd Township Police Department, 1 Parkside Place, West Point, PA 19486
- Upper Merion Township Police Department, 175 West Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406
- Upper Moreland Township Police Department, 117 Park Ave., Willow Grove, PA 19090 AND
- Upper Moreland Township Police Department at Giant Food Store, 315 N. York Road, Willow Grove, PA
- Upper Perk Police Department, 88 W. 6th St., Pennsburg, PA 18073
- Upper Pottsgrove Police Department, 1420 Heather Place, Pottstown, PA 19464
- Upper Providence Police Department at Wegmans in Providence Town Shopping Center, 600 Commerce Drive, Collegeville, PA
- West Conshohocken Police Department at the West Conshohocken Borough Hall, 112 Ford St., West Conshohocken, PA 19428
- West Norriton Township Police Department, 1630 W. Marshall St., Norristown, PA 19403
- West Pottsgrove Police Department at 980 Grosstown and at the Giant Food Store at 180 Upland Square Drive, both locations in Stowe, PA 19464
- Whitmarsh Police Department, 616 E. Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444
- Whitpain Township Police Department, 960 Wentz Rd., Blue Bell, PA 19422

The sites, staffed by police officers, will accept prescription and over-the-counter tablets and capsules, inhalers, liquid medications, creams and ointments, nasal sprays and pet medications. Not accepted are intravenous and injectable solutions as well as needles. Prescription medicines can be in their original prescription bottles with the label removed or can be placed in plastic bags.

This fall's Take Back Day—which coincides with the DEA's nationwide Take Back Day—is the largest in terms of number of participating police department locations since Take Back Day began in Montgomery County in 2010. It's a chance for Montgomery County residents to clean out their medicine cabinets of unwanted, unused and expired prescription medications and dispose of them easily in a safe, environmentally friendly way. Ridding medicine cabinets of these medications is an important step in combatting the growing opioid and heroin epidemic, which often begins with prescription medicines taken from a home medicine cabinet.

“Each time we hold a Drug Take Back Day, we collect more and more medications, which means that people are getting the message that they need to get these unwanted medicines out of their homes and have them disposed of in a safe manner,” said Steele. “Montgomery County residents are also becoming increasingly aware that there is a direct link between the over-prescription of opioids and the heroin-opioid epidemic. Hopefully, people are taking just what they need in terms of their prescription medicines and then disposing of the rest of the unwanted pills by dropping them off on a Take Back Day or at one of the more than 50 permanent boxes.”

Since the Take Back program began in 2010, more than 50,000 pounds of medicines have been collected and safely disposed of. The last two Take Back Days have continued to set new records: On April 28, 2018, nearly 8,000 pounds (7,981 pounds) were collected and on Oct. 28, 2017, more than 7,700 pounds were collected (7,789.42 pounds) for a total of 15,770 pounds in one year.

If someone cannot make it to a Take Back Day location on Oct. 27, unwanted medications can be dropped off and disposed of throughout the year at more than 50 permanent Prescription Drug Disposal Boxes, many sponsored by Pennsylvania American Water in an effort to help keep our water supply safe since it is not safe to flush unwanted medicines down the toilet. The complete list of permanent locations can be found on the District Attorney's Office website at www.montcopa.org/da.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele