

National Take Back Day for Disposal of Pharmaceutical Drugs

Prescription drug abuse in the United States is the fastest growing public health threat facing the nation today, and the source of many of those controlled substances abused by adults and young people is our very own medicine cabinet. Adolescents often experiment with drugs for the first time by taking old prescriptions found in the home.

On September 25, 2010, the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will coordinate a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. A national take-back day will provide a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. This one-day effort will bring national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The program provides an opportunity for law enforcement, prevention, treatment, and the business community to collaborate and establish a safe collection site for all Americans, regardless of where they reside.

The New Hope Borough police will receive any pharmaceutical pills that you would like to destroy at the new Police Station located at 125 New St. We will receive these pharmaceutical pills between the hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. on Saturday, September 25, 2010. The only pharmaceuticals that will be accepted will be those in pill or capsule form. The police will not accept liquids or drugs in syringes. We will then transport them to a specified DEA approved center for destruction. All pharmaceutical drugs will be destroyed in a legal manner under the DEA's direction. In order for this operation to be successful, the individuals who dispose of their drugs at the Police Department will remain anonymous.