

# WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO SAFELY DISPOSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS?

## TEENS

- Most teens who have misused prescription drugs to get high report getting them from friends and family.
- Using an illicit substance as a teen greatly increases the chance of addiction later in life.



## ELDERS

- Helping elders clean out their medicine cabinets can help prevent accidental overdoses and the misappropriation of prescription drugs by personal care assistants or loved ones.

## THE ENVIRONMENT

- A recent study shows that 80% of US streams contain small amounts of human antibiotics.
- Fish and other aquatic animals have shown adverse effects from medicines in the water.
- Small amounts of medicines have been found in drinking water.



## OPIOID ABUSE

- 4 out of 5 people who use heroin have a history of prescription drug misuse.

**SAFEGUARD ALL DRUGS AT HOME. *LOCK THEM UP!***

Lock up commonly abused medications in a secure and safe location.

# GOT DRUGS?

Do you or your relatives have a medicine cabinet full of old medication?  
Help get rid of them safely

## FREE COLLECTION DAY

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016 10 AM-2PM

### COLLECTION SITES

#### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

AMHERST – Wildwood Elementary School

BELCHERTOWN – Town Common

CUMMINGTON – Police Department

EASTHAMPTON – Safety Complex

GOSHEN – Police Department

HADLEY – Police Department

HATFIELD – Police Department

NORTHAMPTON – Smith Vocational High School

SOUTHAMPTON – Town Hall

SOUTH HADLEY – Police Department

WARE – Ware High School

WILLIAMSBURG – Williamsburg Pharmacy

#### FRANKLIN/WORCESTER COUNTY

ATHOL – Police Department

DEERFIELD – Police Department

GREENFIELD – Police Department

LEVERETT – Police Department

SUNDERLAND – Police Department

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You can also bring medications to a permanent Drop Box location.

#### Drop Drugs at these Police Stations:

Amherst, Ashfield, Athol, Belchertown, Bernardston, Buckland, Cummington, Deerfield, Easthampton, Erving, Goshen, Granby, Greenfield, Hadley, Hatfield, Leverett, Northampton, Orange, South Hadley, Southampton, Sunderland, Ware, Whately, Williamsburg

Simply bring them to your local police station and drop them in the MEDRETURN BOX.

Medicines can remain in original containers with labels. NO liquids, syringes, IV equipment or chemotherapy drugs. Prescription and non-prescription drugs, vitamins and veterinary meds are accepted.



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