

Unwanted, expired meds collected in New Bedford for Drug Take-back Day Oct. 28

New Bedford Police will collect unwanted and expired prescription medications from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, as part of the 14th National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration. The event will be held outside police headquarters, 871 Rockdale Ave.

Drug Take-Back Day allows the public to bring their medications for safe disposal. The event aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse and medications. This ensures that the medications do not end up in the wrong hands or in the ecosystem.

During the most recent New Bedford Police drug take-back day, held in April, residents turned in a record 433 pounds of unused, unwanted prescription.

The day's activities are organized by detectives Kelly Almeida and Bryan Oliveira.

Medications can also be dropped off year-round at the New Bedford Police headquarters, 871 Rockdale Ave., the downtown police station, 572 Pleasant St., the north end station, 781 Ashley Blvd., and the south end station, 168 Cove St.

Accepted items include prescription patches, prescription medications, prescription ointments, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, samples and veterinary medications.

Needles, syringes and lancets can be dropped off at three New

Bedford locations: Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, 874 Purchase St., 508-992-6553; and two locations of Seven Hills Behavioral Health, 1173 Acushnet Ave., 508-996-0546; and 589 South First St., 508-996-3147. Call the locations for specific hours and additional information.