

Drug take back day is April 28 at New Bedford Police headquarters

New Bedford Police will collect unwanted and expired prescription medications from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, as part of the 15th 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 of 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 October, residents turned in a record 356 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.