

October 26 is Sharps Drop-Off Day & National Drug Take-Back Day in New Bedford



New Bedford residents are encouraged to participate in Sharps Drop-Off Day and National Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, October 26, 2013.

Sharps Drop-Off Day, sponsored by Walgreens and the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District, offers New Bedford and Dartmouth residents the opportunity to safely dispose of old syringes, needles, and lancets at Walgreens located at 1103 Kempton Street in New Bedford from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday. To participate in Sharps Drop-Off Day, residents must show an ID and present all materials in a red biohazard container. A limited supply of free quart-sized, red biohazard containers is available to City residents through the New Bedford Recycling Office at (508) 979-1493. Biohazard containers may also be purchased at local pharmacies.

New Bedford residents may also take part in National Drug Take-Back Day, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

and local police departments. Residents may safely and properly dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs by bringing them to the New Bedford Police Department located at 871 Rockdale Avenue between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday. National Drug Take-Back Day is open to everyone and disposal services are free and anonymous.

For more information on Sharps Drop-Off Day, please contact the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District at (508) 979-1493 or by email at recycling@newbedford-ma.gov. Additional information about National Drug Take-Back Day can be obtained by contacting Detective Kelly Almeida at 508-991-300 ext. 108.