



## East Hartford Health Department

**For Immediate Release:**

**National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day: WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Location: Public Safety Building 31 School St, East Hartford, CT**

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) schedules National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day twice each year at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex, located at 31 School Street. Locally, this event is being sponsored by the East Hartford Police and Health Departments. The program offers citizens the opportunity to safely discard unwanted, unused prescription drugs that have accumulated in their households.

Residents are advised that the collection program is limited to prescription medications, pills, capsules and caplets. Items which cannot be collected include: I.V. bags, sharps (anything with a needle or lance), Epi-pens, patches, gels, medications in tubes and liquids.

“These events dramatically reduce the risk of prescription drug diversion and abuse, sickness and hospitalizations attributable to inappropriate or outdated medication consumption and environmental damage including groundwater contamination and non-point watercourse pollution,” Mayor Marcia Leclerc said. “Medication disposal is a major public health and safety concern.”

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