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Health District Advises Residents to Take Part in Drug Take Back Day

The Central Connecticut Health District is advising all residents to take part in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day that will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. These collections, held by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), are a great opportunity for those who have accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs and are in need of a place to safely dispose of those medications.

According to the DEA, Americans that participated in the third National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on October 29, 2011, turned in more than 377,086 pounds (188.5 tons) of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal at the 5,327 take-back sites that were available in all 50 states and U.S. territories. When the results of the three prior Take-Back Days are combined, the DEA, and its state, local, and tribal law-enforcement and community partners have removed 995,185 pounds (498.5 tons) of medication from circulation in the past 13 months.

Collection sites within the District will be in the following locations on **Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 10:00am to 2:00pm:**

Berlin Police Department, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT 06039

Newington Police Department, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT 06111

Rocky Hill Police Department, 699 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Wethersfield Police Department, Sgt. Oscar Rivera; 250 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109

For more information about Prescription Drug Take Back Day, please visit the U.S Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration's website at <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/>. For further information regarding public health concerns, contact the Central Connecticut Health District, celebrating 15 years of service, at (860)721-2822.