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Toms River Police to Host Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday

(*Toms River*) The Toms River Police Department, along with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) New Jersey Division, would like to invite the public to participate in this year's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day which will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

Toms River residents who want to rid their homes of potentially dangerous prescription drugs in a safe and non-hazardous manner will be able to do so between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Toms River Police Department, 255 Oak Avenue, Toms River (Front lobby of the Police Department).



Toms River Police Chief Mitch Little says according to Douglas Collier, Drug Initiative Coordinator for the NJ Attorney General's Office, the Toms River Police Department collected 2,000 pounds of prescription drugs in 2016.

“We were advised that our Police Department had the State's highest collection amount. Residents should not be confused into thinking that the illicit drug problem within our Township is worse than surrounding towns. This is a credit to our programs that aggressively seek to educate residents on the dangers of keeping unwanted prescriptions within the home. We encourage homeowners within our community to clean out their medicine cabinets and drop off expired and unused prescriptions this Saturday.”

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. It is free and anonymous, with no questions asked.

In addition to this growing drug problem, unused and expired prescription medications can also represent an environmental hazard. Most individuals are not aware of methods to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away; both of which have potential safety and health hazards.

Mayor Thomas F. Kelaher stated, “This program is just one more weapon in our battle against drug addiction. I urge all of our residents to be a part of this effort to get prescription drugs off our streets.”

The Toms River Police Department would also like to remind residents that they can dispose of unused or expired medication on a year-round basis. The drop-off site at Police Headquarters remains open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

