

TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON

233 ATLANTIC AVENUE
NORTH HAMPTON, NH 03862



POLICE DEPARTMENT

TELEPHONE

BUSINESS ----- (603) 964-8621

EMERGENCY ----- (603) 679-2225

-----9-1-1

FAX NO. ----- (603) 964-8831

NEWS RELEASE

North Hampton Police Participate in National Drug Take Back Initiative

[North Hampton, NH] – On Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the North Hampton Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 14th opportunity in 7 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the North Hampton Police Department located at 233 Atlantic Ave. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

The local contact for the North Hampton Police Department is Sergeant James Russell at 603-964-8621 or email at jrussell@northhampton-nh.gov.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 28 Take Back Day event, go to the [DEA Diversion website](#).

##