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# News Release

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## Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative – October 26

The Durham Police Department will be participating in the DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 26 at four locations in Durham. The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. In addition to prescription medications, participants may bring OTC medication and vaping cartridges and pens as long as the batteries have been removed.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following locations:

- Walmart, 1525 Glenn School Road
- CVS, 3573 Hillsborough Road
- Triangle Pharmacy/Ace Hardware, 1700 East NC Highway 54
- Walgreens, 6405 Fayetteville Road (near N.C. 54)

Officers at these locations will supervise the collection and maintain security of any collected materials. The collected materials will be destroyed in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

The Durham Police Department also has three Operation Medicine Drop locations that are used throughout the year and all drop-offs may be done anonymously. DPD's Operation Medicine Drop boxes are at:

### **Durham Police Headquarters**

602 East Main Street

The drop box is in the lobby, which is open 24 hours a day.

### **District 2 Substation**

5285 North Roxboro Road (lot of Eno Square Shopping Center)

Monday through Friday only, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ring buzzer for assistance. Do not leave medicines at the door.

### **District 3 Substation**

#8 Consultant Place (near Wynnsong Movie Plaza)

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