

E-Cigarette & Vaping devices Disposal



DEA National Take Back Day Vape Collection Guidance:

- DEA will collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from individual consumers **only** after the batteries are removed from the devices. It is important to stress that the DEA is not responsible for removing the batteries from the devices.
- If the battery cannot be removed, individual consumers can check with large electronic chain stores who may accept the vape pen or e-cigarette devices for proper disposal.
- Individual consumers may also contact their local Hazardous Materials Management Facility to determine if they accept these devices, and for additional guidance regarding proper disposal.

“National Take Back Initiative”

The Day to Dispose of your Unused, Unwanted, and Expired Medicine

Event Protocols

Pre-Event – October 12, 2021 (Tuesday) at 10am-2pm:

- On October 12, 2021 (Tuesday), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) New Jersey Division will provide drug disposal boxes to a representative from your department at the distribution site(s) designated by your County Prosecutor's Office. Exact location to be announced via e-mail.
- DEA will provide the number of collection drug disposal boxes requested by your department.

Day of the Event – October 23, 2021 (Saturday) at 10am-2pm:

- On October 23, 2021 (Saturday), your department will host one or more collection sites at the location(s) of your choosing.
- **This program is anonymous and all efforts should be made to protect the anonymity of individuals disposing of medications. No questions or requests for identification should be made.**
- **All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the surrender process. Law enforcement personnel should not handle the medications at any time.**
- **No effort should be made by law enforcement personnel to count, inventory, or log medications.**
- Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into the disposal box. If an original container is submitted, the individual should be encouraged to remove any identifying information from the prescription label.
- All solid dosage pharmaceutical product and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The depositor should ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.
- Intra-venous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers. If an individual attempts to surrender an illicit controlled substance, law enforcement personnel should handle such material as abandoned property in accordance with department policy.
- A law enforcement officer must remain with the drug disposal box at all times. Collected pharmaceutical products should be handled as drug evidence with law enforcement custody to safeguard the surrendered material.

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- If you need additional collection boxes, you are authorized to use a container approved by your department as part of its standard operating procedures.
- At the conclusion of the event, a law enforcement officer will seal the drug disposal boxes in accordance with your agency's policy and procedure. It is recommended that the box be sealed with tamper-evident tape or evidence sticker. Each box should be labeled as "Miscellaneous Pharmaceuticals to be turned over to DEA on Monday October 25th, 2021".
- The drug collection boxes and their contents should then be returned to your police department and stored per your department's standard operating procedures for safe keeping and temporary storage, until they are turned over to DEA.

Post-Event – October 25, 2021 (Monday) at 8am-12pm:

- On October 25, 2021 (Monday), DEA will establish collection sites with your County Prosecutor's Office for the return of all drug collection boxes and its contents. Boxes containing medications will remain sealed. You will receive a receipt for the return of the drug collection boxes.
- DEA will assume custody of these drug collection boxes and dispose of the contents in accordance with DEA policy.

Thank you for your effort and participation in this most important event. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Diversion Outreach Coordinator Rich Grosfelt at (571) 776-1104 or email NewJerseyDiversionOutreach@usdoj.gov