National Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday, April 26

*Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinets to Keep Youth Safe and Environment Clean*

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Properly disposing of medication helps keep it out of the hands of our youth and ensures that its disposal is not harmful to the environment. National Take-Back Days are a reminder to regularly dispose of unwanted or expired medication. The Allston-Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force (ABSATF) would like to remind the public that there is a permanent **MedReturn Drug Collection Kiosk** at the Boston Police Department, D-14, at 301 Washington Street in Brighton. Residents may safely dispose of expired or unwanted medication in the kiosk year-round. Disposal is free, anonymous and available 24/7. For more information, including a map of kiosks throughout Boston, please go here.

What is collected?
- Prescription medications
- Over-the-Counter medications
- Pet medications
- Sample medications
- Pills, capsules, inhalers, ointment & patches
- Vitamins
- Liquids in glass or leak-proof containers

This permanent disposal system is a collaboration between the Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Police Department, and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The MedReturn Drug Collection Kiosks were purchased by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services.

**About the Allston-Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force**
The Allston-Brighton Substance Abuse Task Force is a coalition of community agencies and residents that mobilizes youth, families, community members and leaders to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth and adults in our community. The Task Force has made significant strides over the years, becoming a recognized leader and community resource for tackling important issues such as underage drinking and prescription drug abuse. For more information, visit [www.abdrugfree.org](http://www.abdrugfree.org). Follow ABSATF on Twitter @abdrugfree. Follow the ABSATF Youth Coalition on Twitter and Instagram @abyouth.

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