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## **Prescription Drug Collection Day to be Part of Hazardous Waste Disposal Day in Cambridge on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

In partnership with the Cambridge Public Health Department and the Cambridge Prevention Coalition, the Cambridge Police Department asks residents to participate in Prescription Drug Collection Day as part of the Hazardous Waste Disposal Day to be held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

On Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM - 1 PM, citizens are asked to please turn in their unused prescription drugs in the rear of the Mass. National Guard Armory located at 450 Concord Avenue in Cambridge. There will be no questions asked -- Just come, drop off any unused medications, and leave.

Why citizens should turn in their unused prescription drugs:

- Children and animals could be poisoned if they find and swallow drugs.
- Drugs can be scavenged and illegally sold.
- Unused pharmaceuticals are environmental toxins; flushing them down the toilet or sink can release them into our drinking water and soil.

Can't make it to Prescription Drug Collection Day on June 19<sup>th</sup>? Not to worry, the Cambridge Police Department is now an approved controlled substance collection site for residents of the City of Cambridge.

The Cambridge Police Department is located at 125 Sixth St. and, beginning in early July, residents may deposit unused medications at any time in the drop box to be located in the lobby of the building.

The Cambridge Police ask that residents comply with the following standards when making a deposit at the police department:

- Locate the collection box and place medications in a plastic bag provided at the location.
- Seal the bag and drop the bag into the box.
- Open containers of liquid and syringes will not be accepted at this time.

For more information on the Overdose Prevention and Education Network (OPEN) Project and the proper disposal of prescription drugs, visit <http://odprevention.org/>