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PRESS RELEASE

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Naugatuck Valley Health District encourages residents to dispose of unneeded medications at upcoming Medication Take Back Event in Derby

Naugatuck Valley Health District (NVHD) is pleased to once again partner with the Derby Police Department and Derby Youth Services Bureau to host a Medication Take Back event on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 10:00am – 2:00pm. The drive-up event will take place outside Bradley School (155 David Humphrey Rd, Derby, CT 06418). Aligned with the Drug Enforcement Agency’s (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day and the Naugatuck Valley Community Health Improvement Plan initiative focused on substance use and drug overdose prevention, this event is being held in reflection of our joint commitment to safety and health by encouraging the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes.

Any person can come and safely dispose of unused or unwanted medications with no questions asked!

- 1. Drive up and place your car in park**
- 2. Drop off accepted medications (no questions asked!)**
- 3. Drive away**

It's that easy!

Accepted:

- Over-the-counter medications
- Prescription medications
- Medication samples
- Medications for household pets
- Medicated lotions or ointments

Not Accepted:

- Needles or other “sharps”
- Hazardous waste
- Thermometers
- Personal care products (shampoo, etc.)

If you cannot make it to the event, you can drop off accepted items in a medication drop box, no questions asked, located in the lobbies of the following local police departments: Ansonia Police Department, Naugatuck Police Department, or Shelton Police Department as well as CVS Pharmacy #718, located at 24 Pershing Drive, Ansonia, CT 06401.

Homebound residents or individuals desiring to dispose of medication at home may call NVHD’s Naugatuck Valley Overdose Prevention & Education (NOPE) Program at 203-881-3255 x 103 and request a disposal pouch to safely discard pills, patches, and liquid in your home garbage without harming the environment or worrying about a person or animal accessing the medication (while supplies last).

Questions regarding the Derby Medication Take Back Event should be directed to John Saccu, Director of the Derby Youth Services Bureau at jsaccu@gmail.com.

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