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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Essex (VT) now has a permanent MedReturn Drug Collection Unit.

(Essex, Vermont 12/13/16) - Citizens looking to dispose of excess and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can now visit the safe and secure permanent drop off location at the Essex Police Department at 145 Maple Street in Essex Junction, VT 05452.

The Essex Police have moved forward to establish a permanent [MedReturn](#) drug collection program in order to reduce the supply of drugs that can potentially harm teens and adults.

According to the 2011 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), more than six million Americans abuse prescription drugs. Among youth who are 12 to 17 years old, 7.4 percent report past year non-medical use of prescription drugs.

Properly disposing of excess drugs is everyone's responsibility as a matter of public safety. More than 70 percent of young people abusing prescription pain relievers get them through friends or family, a statistic that includes raiding the family medicine cabinet. Now Essex citizens won't have to wait for a specific take-back day to clean out their medicine cabinets.

The collection site is always open in the lobby of the Essex Police Department. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked.

The drug collection unit provides a safe, secure and environmentally friendly way to help law enforcement collect unwanted or expired household medication, including prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs and unused pharmaceuticals.

Please note that we do not accept inhalers, aerosol cans, ointments/lotions/liquids, thermometers, needles, medications from businesses/clinics or Hydrogen Peroxide in our MedReturn unit.

Contact: *Cpt. Rick Garey*
Organization Name: *Essex Police*
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**DEPOSIT YOUR UNWANTED
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS HERE!**

Keep prescription medicine away from
our children and out of our water supply!

MedReturn

YES - Accepted

- Prescription
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medication
- Prescription Inhalers
- Over-the-counter medication
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medication for pets

STOP All Other Items



MedReturn
Drug Collection Unit

