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Drug drop-off kiosks installed at four local police stations

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QUINCY — Unwanted prescription and non-prescription drugs can now be safely disposed of at kiosks in four local police stations.

The secure MedReturn kiosks are in the lobbies of the police stations in Quincy, Braintree, Milton and Weymouth.

“People need their awareness raised on the dangers of prescription drugs, said Arlene Goldstein, program coordinator for Impact Quincy.

Goldstein said the kiosks have two purposes: prevent drug addiction and protect the environment.

Studies show that young people can begin a lifetime of drug addiction by simply opening the home medicine cabinet and using the substances non-medically. Prescription drugs such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, Lortab, oxycodone, morphine and codeine have all been linked to addiction, as have some non-prescription drugs, she said.

“They’re dangerous things to have around, so get rid of them in a proper way,” Goldstein said.

Unneeded drugs should not be flushed down the drain, she said.

Flushing is “why they are starting to pick up levels of improper chemicals in the water system, Goldstein said.

Drugs can be dropped off at any of the kiosks with no questions asked, Goldstein said. The drugs will be properly disposed of under police supervision.

The kiosks will accept prescription and over-the-counter medicines, pet medicines, sample medications, vitamins, pills, capsules, inhalers, ointments, and liquids in glass or leak-proof containers.

The medicines should be brought in their original containers with names and prescription numbers blacked out or in a reclosable clear-plastic bag.

The kiosks do not accept needles, thermometers, blood or infectious waste, medication from businesses and clinics and aerosols.

Impact Quincy, a program of Bay State Community Services, is also participating in a national Prescription Take-Back Day on April 30. Drugs can be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day at the following locations:

Quincy: Public works department garage, 55 Sea St.

Braintree: Recycling center, Ivory St.

Milton: Police station, 40 Highland Avenue.

Weymouth: Public works garage, 120 Winter St.

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this is a really good idea. I never know what to do with expired perscriptions and this way they don;t go down the drain into the sewer system to wind up back in our waters. - IT's A Good Thing !

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'The drugs will be properly disposed of under police supervision.' Back in the 1970's it was said that the Police had the best drugs. I guess its still true.

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Drug drop off at Quincy public works? That's a nightmare going to happen. They can't even account for gas, oil and tools at the DPW. It sounds like a good program but like buying a house, location, location, location.

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