

CHNA 22

Greater Brockton Community Health Network Area 22



Substance Abuse

MA DPH and DEP:

Dispose of Unwanted/Expired Prescription Drugs

- Remove medications from original packaging
- *Mix with inedible products, such as used coffee grounds, in a closed container*
- *Seal container and discard*



CMR 480.000: MA Sanitary Code

As of 7/1/12, home sharps, whether opened or unopened, are banned from disposal in general community waste

M.G.L c. 94C, 27A:

Allows non-profits, businesses, and organizations at the federal, state, and local levels to create Sharps Collection Centers, meant for the proper disposal of home sharps

Drug Take-Back Days



- Only Easton, Holbrook, and Stoughton have drug disposal boxes at their police stations
- Many have participated in National Drug Take-Back Days in which residents are able to drop off prescription drugs
- Abington did not have a drug take-back day in 2012 due to lack of funding

Needle/Sharps Disposal

- Usually can be found in safe and convenient locations
- Sharps can only be accepted in puncture/leak-proof containers
- Disposal sites are clearly marked with appropriate signage and “Biohazard” designation for easy detection

The mission of the Greater Brockton CHNA is to work toward healthier communities by promoting collaboration between CHNA partners, providing support to local health initiatives and prevention programs, and educating and increasing awareness of local identified health issues throughout the communities it serves.

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