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# **Cheryl Dinolfo**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **DINOLFO ANNOUNCES CALKINS ROAD WEGMANS PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE COLLECTION**

*Monroe County Partners with Wegmans for Free Collection*

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** today announced that the County's Department of Environmental Services (DES) is partnering with Wegmans and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office to hold a pharmaceutical waste collection on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Calkins Road Wegmans located at 745 Calkins Road in Henrietta.

*"Monroe County is proud of its collaborative partnership with Wegmans for these pharmaceutical waste drop-offs that are free-of-charge for county residents," said **Dinolfo**. "These collections continue to serve as an outstanding resource, as they allow for the safe and environmentally-friendly disposal of potentially harmful substances."*

To date, Monroe County, Wegmans, local police departments and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) have served almost 45,000 residents and accepted more than 123,000 pounds of pharmaceutical waste.

Waste from pharmacies, veterinary offices and pharmaceutical businesses are not accepted at these waste drop-offs. All medications will be destroyed by an incineration process which is overseen by law enforcement. No appointments are needed.

Residents can also drop off their unused medications to the Sheriff's Office Substations, as well as local Police Departments in Fairport, East Rochester, Greece, Brighton, Ogden, Brockport, Webster, Irondequoit and Gates. Drop-offs are also held at the Monroe County Ecopark on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Residents can access a full schedule by viewing the Ecopark's website at [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/)

Monroe County's pharmaceutical waste collections have won several awards, including the New York State DEC's Environmental Excellence Award and the United States EPA's 2009 Environmental Quality Award.

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