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MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES 2022 PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE COLLECTIONS

County also starting mobile household hazardous waste collections

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced the return of the Department of Environment Services' Pharmaceutical Waste Collection program.

"Improper disposal of pharmaceutical waste jeopardizes the health of our environment, our families, and fuels the opioid epidemic," said County Executive Bello. "Each of us has a role to play in ensuring a cleaner future for generations to come. By bringing our pharmaceutical and household waste collection initiative on the road, we're making it easier for residents to do their part and safely dispose of hazardous waste."

Saturday, April 30, is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Monroe County is partnering with Wegmans Food Markets on ten mobile pharmaceutical waste collection sites at Wegmans stores as well as the county collection site at the Monroe County/Waste Management ecopark, located at 10 Avion Dr., Rochester, which will be open Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office and local police agencies are assisting with the collection at each Wegmans location. Appointments are not required.

All collection sites are open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.:

- Wegmans Eastway, 1955 Empire Blvd.
- Wegmans Lyell, 2301 Lyell Ave.
- Wegmans Greece, 3701 Mt. Read Blvd.
- Wegmans Henrietta, 745 Calkins Road
- Wegmans Penfield, 2157 Penfield Road
- Wegmans Greece, 3177 Latta Road
- Wegmans Brockport, 6660 4th Section Road
- Wegmans Holt Road, 900 Holt Road
- Wegmans Irondequoit, 525 Titus Ave.
- Wegmans Chili-Paul, 3175 Chili Ave.

Three additional mobile pharmaceutical collection events will be held at Wegmans this spring and summer. Appointments are not required. All are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.:

- May 21, Wegmans Holt Road, 900 Holt Road, Webster
- July 16, Wegmans Chili-Paul, 3175 Chili Ave., Chili
- September 10, Wegmans Latta Road, 3177 Latta Road, Greece

Acceptable items at the sites listed above include pills & liquid medications, prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, empty medicine bottles, ointments & creams, sprays & inhalers, and EpiPens.

Sharps and syringes will not be accepted at the Wegmans store collection sites on Saturday, April 30. However, sharps and syringes will be accepted at the ecopark.

In 2021, Monroe County collected a total of 17 tons of pharmaceutical waste from the ecopark and dropbox collections at Monroe County Sheriff's Office substations, the Rochester Police Department and town and village police departments.

Also, on Saturday, April 30, the county will hold its first mobile household hazardous waste collection site of 2022. Residents can properly dispose of up to 30 gallons of chemicals such as paint, automotive fluids, fertilizers, household cleaners and pool chemicals at no charge. The collections are held in partnership with local municipalities.

Appointments are required for all household hazardous waste collections, and may be made by visiting the ecopark website at www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark. Any resident of Monroe County is welcome to schedule an appointment to dispose of household hazardous waste at any location.

The household hazardous waste collection schedule is as follows:

- April 30, Town of Chili DPW, 200 Beaver Road
- May 14, Town of Perinton DPW, 100 Cobbs Lane
- June 11, Village of Hilton DPW, 50 Henry Street
- September 17, Town of Penfield DPW, 1607 Jackson Street
- October 1, Town of Irondequoit DPW, 2629 E. Ridge Road

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