

Prescription Drug Drop Box: A listing of Massachusetts Cities and Towns without a Safe Disposal Location for Prescription Drugs

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Introduction

Pursuant to Section 29 of Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2014, the Department of Public Health (DPH) “shall compile a list of communities within the commonwealth that do not have a prescription drug drop box or other safe location at which to dispose of prescription drugs. The department shall file the list with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, who shall forward the list to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse, not later than January 2, 2015.”

Numerous police departments across the state have installed secure drop boxes in their facilities or accept expired, unwanted, or unused prescription drugs directly from the consumer for proper disposal. This allows consumers to conveniently dispose of prescription medications at these locations. Prescriptions drug drop boxes are managed by police departments and usually available 24 hours a day / 7 days a week.

The information contained in this report is accurate as of October 2014.

Current Prescription (Rx) Drop Box Availability in MA

Availability of the prescription (Rx) Drop Box was confirmed by contacting a police dispatch, a receptionist, or another responsible representative within each city/town. Of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts, the DPH Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) confirmed that 117 cities/towns do not currently have Rx Drop Boxes available. Thirty-two (32) cities/towns did not respond and therefore, DPH is unable to confirm the availability of prescription Rx Drop Boxes in their community. Table 1 lists the cities/towns in the Commonwealth without a prescription (Rx) Drop Box and Table 2 lists the cities/towns that did not confirm availability. The tables are sorted by county.

Table 1: Cities/Towns in Massachusetts that do not currently have a Prescription Drop Box (n=117)

No.	City/Town	County
1	Alford	Berkshire
2	Becket	Berkshire
3	Florida	Berkshire
4	Hancock	Berkshire
5	Hinsdale	Berkshire
6	Lanesborough	Berkshire

7	Monterey	Berkshire
8	Mount Washington	Berkshire
9	New Ashford	Berkshire
10	New Marlborough	Berkshire
11	Otis	Berkshire
12	Peru	Berkshire
13	Richmond	Berkshire
14	Sandisfield	Berkshire
15	Savoy	Berkshire
16	Tyringham	Berkshire
17	Washington	Berkshire
18	West Stockbridge	Berkshire
19	Windsor	Berkshire
20	Acushnet	Bristol
21	Berkley	Bristol
22	Dartmouth	Bristol
23	Dighton	Bristol
24	Fairhaven	Bristol
25	Freetown	Bristol
26	Mansfield	Bristol
27	New Bedford	Bristol
28	North Attleboro	Bristol
29	Norton	Bristol
30	Raynham	Bristol
31	Rehoboth	Bristol
32	Seekonk	Bristol
33	Somerset	Bristol
34	Westport	Bristol
35	Aquinnah	Dukes
36	Chilmark	Dukes
37	Gosnold	Dukes
38	Essex	Essex
39	Groveland	Essex
40	Hamilton	Essex
41	Lawrence	Essex
42	Lynnfield	Essex
43	Methuen	Essex
44	Nahant	Essex

45	Newbury	Essex
46	Rowley	Essex
47	Swampscott	Essex
48	Ashfield	Franklin
49	Bernardston	Franklin
50	Gill	Franklin
51	Hawley	Franklin
52	Leverett	Franklin
53	Shutesbury	Franklin
54	Warwick	Franklin
55	Whately	Franklin
56	Agawam	Hampden
57	Blandford	Hampden
58	Brimfield	Hampden
59	Chester	Hampden
60	Chicopee	Hampden
61	East Longmeadow	Hampden
62	Hampden	Hampden
63	Holland	Hampden
64	Holyoke	Hampden
65	Longmeadow	Hampden
66	Ludlow	Hampden
67	Monson	Hampden
68	Palmer	Hampden
69	Springfield	Hampden
70	West Springfield	Hampden
71	Wilbraham	Hampden
72	Goshen	Hampshire
73	Hatfield	Hampshire
74	Southampton	Hampshire
75	Westhampton	Hampshire
76	Ashby	Middlesex
77	Dunstable	Middlesex
78	Framingham	Middlesex
79	Lexington	Middlesex
80	Natick	Middlesex
81	Newton	Middlesex
82	Pepperell	Middlesex

83	Shirley	Middlesex
84	Watertown	Middlesex
85	Nantucket	Nantucket
86	Avon	Norfolk
87	Bellingham	Norfolk
88	Millis	Norfolk
89	Plainville	Norfolk
90	Brockton	Plymouth
91	Kingston	Plymouth
92	Middleborough	Plymouth
93	Barre	Worcester
94	Berlin	Worcester
95	Bolton	Worcester
96	Boylston	Worcester
97	Brookfield	Worcester
98	Charlton	Worcester
99	Douglas	Worcester
100	East Brookfield	Worcester
101	Hopedale	Worcester
102	Lancaster	Worcester
103	Lunenburg	Worcester
104	Mendon	Worcester
105	Millville	Worcester
106	North Brookfield	Worcester
107	Northborough	Worcester
108	Northbridge	Worcester
109	Oakham	Worcester
110	Oxford	Worcester
111	Petersham	Worcester
112	Shrewsbury	Worcester
113	Southbridge	Worcester
114	Sturbridge	Worcester
115	Sutton	Worcester
116	Uxbridge	Worcester
117	Warren	Worcester

Table 2: Cities/Towns in Massachusetts that did not confirm availability of Prescription Drop Box (n=32)

No.	City/Town	County
1	Cheshire	Berkshire
2	Clarksburg	Berkshire
3	West Tisbury	Dukes
4	Buckland	Franklin
5	Charlemont	Franklin
6	Colrain	Franklin
7	Conway	Franklin
8	Heath	Franklin
9	Leyden	Franklin
10	Monroe	Franklin
11	New Salem	Franklin
12	Northfield	Franklin
13	Rowe	Franklin
14	Shelburne	Franklin
15	Sunderland	Franklin
16	Wendell	Franklin
17	Granville	Hampden
18	Montgomery	Hampden
19	Russell	Hampden
20	Tolland	Hampden
21	Wales	Hampden
22	Chesterfield	Hampshire
23	Cummington	Hampshire
24	Huntington	Hampshire
25	Middlefield	Hampshire
26	Plainfield	Hampshire
27	Worthington	Hampshire
28	Hardwick	Worcester
29	Hubbardston	Worcester
30	New Braintree	Worcester
31	Phillipston	Worcester
32	West Brookfield	Worcester