

GIFT CARDS FOR GUNS EVENT- JUNE 12TH, 7-8:30 PM – BEDFORD DPW

Bedford, Carlisle, Concord, Lincoln, Wayland and Weston, MA — As part of a public health initiative to provide residents with a safe and secure way of removing unwanted firearms from their homes, the Towns of Bedford, Carlisle, Concord, Lincoln, Wayland and Weston, in conjunction with the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office, continue to partner and will host a “Safer Homes, Safer Communities - Gift Cards for Guns” event in June. Residents of the partnering towns will have the opportunity to safely and securely dispose of unwanted firearms on Thursday, June 12, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Bedford Department of Public Works (DPW), 314 The Great Road, Bedford, MA.

The following steps should be taken by anyone interested in disposing their firearms at the event:

- In accordance with state law, individuals planning to turn in firearms at the June 12th event should notify the Bedford Police Department at BedfordPolice@police.bedfordma.gov or call 781-275-1212 in advance.
- Please bring firearms unloaded with the safety engaged in a bag, box or case.
- Leave the unloaded firearm inside the trunk of your vehicle upon arrival at the event.

Please note the following details for the event:

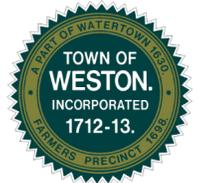
- Residents who surrender 1, 2 or 3 firearms will receive a \$100 Visa gift card.
- Residents who surrender 4 or 5 firearms will receive \$200 in Visa gift cards.
- Residents who surrender 6 or more firearms will receive \$300 in Visa gift cards.
- BB guns/Airsoft guns and ammunition do not qualify for gift cards but can be turned in for disposal.
- Gift cards will be provided while supplies last.
- Free gun locks will be available while supplies last.
- The Middlesex Sheriff’s Office will work with the Massachusetts State Police to safely destroy all guns collected at the event.

The partners hosting this event encourage residents to take advantage of this opportunity to help prevent accidents and injuries in our homes and community.

“After 2 successful collection events in 2024 in Bedford and Weston, where 56 unwanted firearms were surrendered, I am pleased to work with our Health Department, Board of Health and regional partners this year to expand the opportunity for safe and secure disposal of unwanted firearms across all our towns,” said Bedford Police Chief John Fisher.

“The Middlesex Sheriff’s Office is proud to once again support our local partners with this important public safety initiative,” said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. “By offering local residents the opportunity to safely





and securely dispose of unwanted, unsecured firearms, we are reducing the chance of accidental discharge, self-harm and theft – making both our homes and our communities safer.”

This event is being held as part of a regional campaign on gun violence prevention with a goal of protecting our children, youth and families from gun violence in homes. Removing unwanted and unsecured firearms from homes, reduces the chances of suicide, accidental discharge and theft. For more information and resources on gun safety, you’re invited to visit www.BedfordMA.gov/BedfordSafe.

