**Project Medicine Drop**

The Cherry Hill Police Department in partnership with the NJ Attorney General’s Office, NJ Department of Consumer Affairs, NJ Department of Environmental Protection and the Drug Enforcement Agency is announcing Project Medicine Drop.

Project Medicine Drop is a program designed to allow Township Residents to properly and safely dispose of their unwanted or expired household medications.

Residents can bring their unwanted or expired household medications removed from the original packaging and in a zip lock or similar type plastic bag to the Cherry Hill Police Department, 820 Mercer Street Cherry Hill, NJ 08002, 24 hours a day and place their medications into the Project Medicine Drop box anonymously and free of charge. The medications will then be safely and properly destroyed.

For more information you may contact

the Cherry Hill Police Department at 856 488 7828 or

the Cherry Hill Township Mayor’s Office at 856 488 7878.

Doctors may prescribe more medications than you actually need.  As a result, you may have large number of unused and expired medications.  It is important to dispose of these drugs in a manner that is safe and secure – and keep them from falling into the hands of anyone who might abuse them.

* ***DO NOT***give them to friends. Doctors prescribe drugs based on patients’ specific symptoms and medical histories. A drug that helps you may harm someone else.
* ***DO NOT***simply flush them into the water supply – this causes risks to the environment, and may affect the health of others.  Many medications can have harmful effects on children, infants or pregnant women, for example – and should not be released into the environment.
* ***DO NOT***simply place medications into the trash. This may make them available to those who would abuse or sell them.  The safest and most secure way to dispose of unused medications is through **Project Medicine Drop.**

Please be aware that **Project Medicine Drop**boxes ONLY accept household medications, and ONLY accept solid materials such as pills and capsules.

To safely dispose of liquid medications– or to dispose of drugs if a **Project Medicine Drop**box is not located near you – follow these steps:

* Make the medications unattractive and difficult to get to, by mixing them with coffee grounds or kitty litter.
* Pour the mixture into a sealable bag, coffee can or other sealable container.
* Before disposing of a medicine container, be sure to scratch out any prescription information such as your name and address, in order to protect identity.

**Go to our website,**[**www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop**](http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop)**, for more information.**