

## **MEDICATION COLLECTION BOXES INSTALLED IN 10 POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN LEHIGH COUNTY**

Lehigh County residents who have expired and unused over-the-counter and prescription medications will be able to discard those medications in permanent collection boxes that have been installed in 10 police departments in Lehigh County.

The boxes, which usually cost \$500 and are similar to mail boxes, have been delivered to the 10 Lehigh County police departments who applied for them through a grant program made possible by a partnership between the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association (PDAA), the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) as part of Gov. Tom Corbett's Healthy PA Initiative.

The MedReturn boxes were provided for free to police departments who submitted successful grant applications.

District Attorney James B. Martin and members of his staff worked with police chiefs to identify departments that were located throughout the county so that there would be numerous convenient locations for county residents.

The one-way collection boxes are bolted to the floor to prohibit removal of the boxes and retrieval of medications from within the boxes without proper authorization.

Residents can place medications in the boxes anonymously. There will be no charge to residents for this service and no requirement to provide personal information or identification when using the box.

Signs are posted on each box informing residents of the types of items that can be placed in the boxes and those that are not accepted. Items that are accepted are prescription and over-the-counter medications, samples, vitamins, prescription ointments, prescription patches and pet medications.

Items that are not accepted are syringes, needles, Sharps or other sharp objects, medications from businesses and clinics, lotions or liquids, aerosol cans, inhalers, hydrogen peroxide and thermometers

## **UNUSED MEDICATIONS DISPOSAL BOXES**

Drop boxes have been installed at these police departments where medications can be discarded on the days and hours listed below, no questions asked:

- ▶ Allentown Police Department, 1005 W. Hamilton St. substation, Allentown. Open 24 hours, seven days a week;
- ▶ Catasauqua Police Department, 118 Bridge St., Catasauqua. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; hours will be expanded after a new station is built and opens in 2015;
- ▶ Bethlehem Police Department, 10 East Church St., Bethlehem. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; visitors entering the City Hall location should advise the front desk that they are there to go to the Police Department to discard unwanted medications;
- ▶ Emmaus Police Department, 400 Jubilee St., Emmaus. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays;
- ▶ Slatington Police Department, 125 S. Walnut St., Slatington. Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.;
- ▶ Whitehall Township Police Department, 3731 Lehigh St., Whitehall Township. Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment with Officer Paul Davis at 610-437-3042 extension 223. No holidays;
- ▶ Upper Saucon Township Police Department, 5500 Camp Meeting Road, Center Valley. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.;
- ▶ South Whitehall Township Police Department, 4444 Walbert Ave., South Whitehall Township. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. excluding holidays;
- ▶ Upper Macungie Township Police Department, 37 Grim Road, Upper Macungie Township. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays;
- ▶ Salisbury Township Police Department, 3000 S. Pike Ave., Salisbury Township. Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. After-hours visits, if necessary, can be scheduled by calling 610-797-1447 during business hours. There may be some Saturday hours in the future.

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