



Ocean Township Police Department

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Press Release

The Township of Ocean and Ocean Township Police Department are both pleased to announce our participation in Project Medicine Drop. The Township Committee and Lt. George M. Thompson are delighted to announce a partnership with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to provide residents with a secure, environmentally sound manner of disposing of unused and expired medications 24 hours a day, seven days per week, and 365 days per year. This partnership is another example of the Ocean Township Police Departments' Community Outreach and Services Programs (C.O.P.S.) expansion which is an effort to provide the residences with impeccable service.

Members of the public can anonymously drop medications in the Project Medicine Drop Box located in the lobby of the Ocean Township Police Department, 50 Railroad Ave. Waretown, NJ 08758. Taking advantage of this program can help prevent unused medication from falling into the hands of those who might abuse them and it keeps them from being flushed into our water supply.

It is imperative that everyone take responsibility to ensure that unused and expired medications are disposed of properly. Improper storage and disposal can lead to accidental overdose or abuse. In fact, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found that prescription painkiller overdose now kills more people in the United States than heroin and cocaine COMBINED. Abuse is also a growing trend among teens who mistakenly believe prescription drugs are safer than illegal drugs. Many of these teens go on to become addicted and some even turn to heroin use.

When medications are thrown into the garbage or flushed down the sink or toilet, they make break down or dissolve into the soil or water way. Although the concentration levels of these products may be very low, it could potentially be enough to harm environment and possibly effect human health, particularly vulnerable populations like infants, pregnant women, the elderly and children. There are also concerns that antibiotics in the environment could contribute to antibiotics resistance, making it more difficult to treat infections.