

County Drug Disposal

The Montgomery County Prescription Drug Disposal Program was established in April 2013 at which the public can safely, confidentially and conveniently dispose of their unused, unwanted or expired medications at no cost. At each location, local, state and federal law enforcement authorities work together to ensure that all drugs are destroyed in a legal and environmentally friendly manner. All costs needed to establish and maintain the program are being shared by the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office and participating law enforcement agencies, with additional support provided from DEA and public interest groups.

"We have seen time and again that addiction often begins with minors stealing powerful narcotics from their parents' medicine cabinets. This includes Oxycontin, Percocet and many other highly addictive prescription medications." "The only way to truly make an impact in reducing this epidemic of prescription drug addiction is to focus on prevention efforts."

DON'T Flush expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs down the toilet or drain unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs you to do so. In homes that use septic tanks, prescription and over-the-counter drugs flushed down the toilet can leach into the ground and seep into ground water. In cities and towns where residences are connected to wastewater treatment plants, prescription and over-the-counter drugs poured down the sink or flushed down the toilet can pass through the treatment system and enter rivers and lakes. Downstream water treatment plants are generally not equipped to routinely remove medicines.

Drop boxes have been established at Upper Moreland Township **REGIONAL COUNTY DRUG DISPOSAL LOCATIONS (7/2015):**

Needles and other sharp items are "absolutely prohibited" due to safety concerns.

Abington Township Police Department – 1168 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001 (24/7)

Bridgeport Borough Police Department – 4th & Mill Streets, PA 19405 (8a-4p, M-F)

Horsham Police Department – 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA. 19044 (24/7)

Lansdale Borough Police Department – 35 Vine St., Lansdale, PA 19446 (24/7)

Lower Moreland Township Police Department – 640 Red Lion Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 (7a-10:30p, M-F; 10a-3p Sat.)

Souderton Police Department – 31 West Summit St., Souderton, PA 18964 (24/7)

Whitpain Township Police Department – 960 Wentz Rd., Blue Bell, PA 19422 (24/7)

Entire list at: Montco DA Drug Disposal Program: <http://www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?NID=1766>

<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/ppcp/upload/ppcpflyer.pdf>