



Do You Have Expired or No Longer Needed Medical Prescriptions? Longport Now Has a Medical Prescription Drop Off Box!



Borough of Longport residents can now take advantage of a new medical prescription drop off box for expired or no longer needed medical prescriptions:

- The medical prescription disposal box is located in the front lobby of the Longport Police Department at 2305 Atlantic Avenue and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Traditionally, this type of medical waste has been either flushed down the toilet or placed in the trash. Scientific studies have shown that some pharmaceuticals can be found in trace amounts in drinking water supplies. In addition, medicines disposed of through the municipal solid waste system have led to increased contamination of landfill leachate. By properly disposing of no longer needed or expired pharmaceuticals you are helping to prevent infiltration of our drinking water supply.
- On rare occasions, medicine disposed of in the trash can be stolen and then sold illegally. Due to dramatic increases in the abuse of household pharmaceuticals, law enforcement officials are recommending swift disposal of these items. The medical prescription drop off box is located in the front lobby of the Longport Police Department and is an anonymous service provided by the department.
- For more information please contact: 609.822.2141 or visit www.longportnj.gov.

Project Medicine Drop is an important component of the New Jersey Attorney General's effort to stop the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs, including highly addictive opiate painkillers.

Through this initiative, the State Division of Consumer Affairs installs secure "prescription drug drop boxes" at police departments, sheriff's offices, and State Police barracks across New Jersey, allowing citizens to safely dispose of their unused, excess, or expired prescription medications.

Members of the public are invited to visit the Project Medicine Drop sites and drop off any unused prescription medications anonymously and with no questions asked. Most Project Medicine Drop sites make this service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

By giving New Jerseyans a safe and secure method to dispose of unneeded medications, Project Medicine Drop helps prevent the abuse of these drugs. This initiative also protects New Jersey's environment by keeping these drugs out of landfills and out of the water supply. More information about Project Medicine Drop, including the full list of Project Medicine Drop locations, can be found at www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop and http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/.