

PRESCRIPTION DROP BOX LOCATIONS

On Thursday, March 7, 2013, Berks County District Attorney John T. Adams announced the launching of the Berks County Pharmaceutical Drop Box Initiative Program. This program was developed as a cooperative effort between the Berks County District Attorney's Office, the Council on Chemical Abuse (COCA), and the Berks County Solid Waste Authority

Currently, the Berks County Solid Waste Authority, in conjunction with the Berks County District Attorney's Detectives, offers pharmaceutical collection twice a year. During these scheduled collections, unwanted and expired medications both prescription and over the counter medicines are collected for incineration. Medications are collected in many forms including: tablet, liquid, ointment, inhaler, powder or patch.

The pharmaceutical/medication drop box disposal program will allow Berks County residents to discard unused or unwanted medication year round at secure locations.

The initiation of this program provides numerous benefits to the community. These benefits include:

An opportunity to educate the community about the dangers these medications pose, if left unwanted in homes or improperly discarded.

- A positive connection between Berks County citizens, the township police departments, the Berks County District Attorney's Office, the Council on Chemical Abuse, and Berks County Solid Waste Authority.
- A decrease of water contamination due to pharmaceutical medications being flushed down the drains in our homes, or contained in our landfills.
- A reduction of access to addictive medications for accidental or intentional misuse by children or others in the home.

Each drop box will be securely placed and locked within a township municipal police building where it can be protected. These drop boxes resemble a United States Postal Service mailbox, whereas there is an open door to collect medications, but once dropped they cannot be retrieved. Each box will also have a separate locked entry for Berks County District Attorney Detectives to retrieve the discarded medications. Inventoried medications will be incinerated at the discretion of the Berks County District Attorney's Detectives and Solid Waste Authority.

The following is a list of the police departments and locations that are participating in the program:

- Amity Township Police Department** - 2004 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, PA 19518
- Bally Police Department** - 425 Chestnut Street, Bally, PA 19503
- Bern Township Police Department** - 1069 Old Bernville Road, Reading, PA 19605
- Bethel Township Police Department** - 60 Klahr Road, Bethel, PA 19507
- Birdsboro Police Department** - 200 East Main Street, Birdsboro, PA 19508
- Brecknock Township Police Department** - 889 Alleghenyville Road, Mohnton, PA 19540
- Caernarvon Township Police Department** - 3307 Main Street, Morgantown, PA 19543
- Central Berks Regional Police Department** - 2147 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606
- Cumru Township Police Department** - 1775 Welsh Road, Mohnton, PA 19540
- Berks County Detectives - Berks County Agriculture Center**, 1238 Welfare Road, Leesport, PA 19533
- Berks County Coroner's Office** - 1047 MacArthur Road, Suite 200, Reading, PA 19605
- Douglass Township Police Department** - 1068 Douglass Drive, Boyertown, PA 19512
- Eastern Berks Regional Police Department** - 16 W. Philadelphia Avenue, Boyertown, PA 19512
- Exeter Township. Police Department** - 4975 DeMoss Road, Reading, PA 19606
- Fleetwood Police Department** - 110 West Arch Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522
- Hamburg Police Department** - 61 North Third Street, Hamburg, PA 19526
- Kutztown Police Department** - 45 Railroad Street, Kutztown, PA 19530
- Laureldale Police Department** - 3406 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605
- Muhlenberg Township Police Department** - 210 George Street, Reading, PA 19605
- Penn State University Berks Campus** - Perkins Student Center 2080 Tulpehocken Road, Reading, PA 19610
- Reading Police Department** - 815 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601
- Shillington Police Department** - 999 E. Broad Street, Shillington, PA 19607
- Sinking Spring Police Department** - 3940 Penn Avenue, Sinking Spring, PA 19608
- South Heidelberg Police Department** - 555A Mountain Home Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608
- Spring Township Police Department** - 2800 Shillington Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608
- Tilden Township Police Department**, 870 Hex Highway, Hamburg, PA 19526
- Tulpehocken Township Police Department** - 22 Rehrersburg Road, Bethel, PA 19607
- West Reading Police Department** - 500 Chestnut Street, West Reading, PA 19611
- Wyomissing Police Department** - 22 Reading Boulevard, Wyomissing, PA 19610