



PRESS RELEASE

Bridgewater Township Police Department announces they have joined the New Jersey Attorney General's "Project Medicine Drop" initiative, and has installed a Project Medicine Drop box at police headquarters, located at 100 Commons Way.

Today's announcement makes it easier and more convenient than ever for Bridgewater Township residents to take an active role in the fight against the nationwide epidemic of opiate and heroin abuse, which often is fueled by the abuse of prescription pain killers.

Project Medicine Drop is a natural addition to our commitment to help improve the public safety and quality of life in Bridgewater Township. It will encourage our residents to be fully aware of the potential for abuse by these prescription medications and provide them with the proper way of disposing of unwanted or expired prescription medications, Bridgewater Township Police Chief Al Nicaretta said.

Residents may visit the Bridgewater Police Department at any time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, to dispose of their unused, expired or unused medications. Project Medicine Drop is an important component of the NJ 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, expired or excess 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.

By giving New Jersey residents 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.ov/meddrop.