

Event to Help You Safely Dispose of Unused Prescription Drugs

If you have unused prescription drugs that need safe disposal, local police will hold a free, no-questions-asked disposal of unused prescription drugs tomorrow, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at multiple sites in Chester County.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration reports:

- One in seven teens nationally admitted abusing prescription drugs to get high in the past year.
- 60 percent of teens who abused prescription pain relievers did so before the age of 15.
- Two in five teens believe prescription drugs are “much safer” than illegal drugs and three in 10 believe that prescription pain relievers are not addictive.
- The number of emergency room visits attributable to pharmaceuticals alone jumped 97 percent between 2004 and 2008.
- More than half of teens believe prescription drugs are easier to get than illicit drugs.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports that traces of prescription drugs are being found in public water supplies, apparently due to flushing in sinks and toilets.

Most of these drugs are coming from home medicine chests and drawers.

Disposal in Chester County will take place at the following sites:

DOWNINGTOWN:

- Downingtown Police Department, 10 West Lancaster Ave.
- East Brandywine Township Police, 1212 Horseshoe Pike.

KENNETT SQUARE:

- Kennett Square Police Department, 115 North Broad St.
- Giant Markets, 350 Scarlet Road (New Garden Township Police).

WEST CHESTER:

- Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police, 1041 Wilmington Pike.
- Giant Food Store, 698 Downingtown Pike (West Chester Police).