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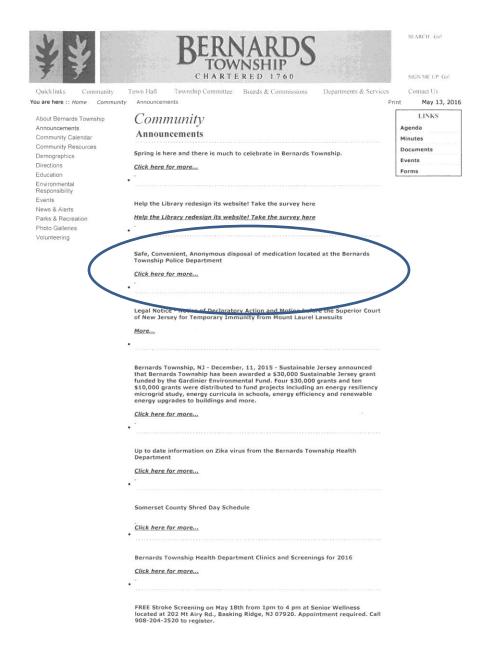
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Permanent Drop Off at Bernards Township Police Department

Project Medicine Drop

Safe, Convenient, Anonymous Disposal of Medication

Now Available!

WHERE:

Bernards Township Police Dept.



1 Collyer Lane Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

DROP-OFF TIMES*: Monday through Friday

7:00 am to 4:30 pm

*At other times, phone BT Police Dept non-emergency: 908-766-1122



Accepted:

- · Unused and expired prescription medications
- · Only solid medications, pills, patches, inhalers, and similar objects

NOT Accepted: liquids, medical waste, or syringes.

View Additional Information & Drop-Off Sites at: http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF PROGRAM

Unused prescription drugs can present adverse concerns, both socially and environmentally. One of these includes illicit prescription medication use. Often, people are prescribed medications, which are used until they feel well, and then the unused medicine is left in the bathroom drawer or medicine cabinet for a length of time. Medicine sitting locked up isn't harmful by itself, but the possibility of what can happen when prescription medication gets into the wrong hands can lead to harmful outcomes. Both youths and adults may become addicted to the medications and use them for getting high. Prescription pills produce a high very similar to that of heroin, and when prescription pills become too expensive or hard to get, individuals may turn to heroin to satisfy their craving. By disposing of medications properly, community members can help combat against pill addiction.

Another adverse affect of improperly dispose of medications is the environmental impact. When flushed down the toilet the medication enters the wastewater stream.

Medications are not fully treated by sewerage treatment facilities and can wind up in streams, groundwater and the general ecosystem, affecting both humans and animals.

Bernards Township has developed a prescription drop off program, largely to help reduce and hopefully eliminate these serious concerns.

The permanent drug drop box was installed in the Bernards Township Police

Department lobby in June of 20 13. The box expanded the Township's participation in the yearly "National Drug Take-Back Day" to collecting year round during police lobby hours.

The Bernards Township Municipal Alliance joined forces with them in January of 2014 to host the First Annual Medication Drop Drive Thru. By allowing resident's to pull up and drop off their medications without leaving their car proved effective as the Alliance collected 96 pounds of medication. This year was even more successful. During the same two hour block the Alliance collected 198 pounds of unused medications from members of the Bernards Township community.