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West Manheim Township Joins York County Solid Waste Authority's Secure Medication Take-back Box Program

The York County Solid Waste Authority (Authority) has purchased a secure medication take-back box for West Manheim Township bringing the number of participating municipalities in York County to 19. The box is in the West Manheim Township lobby located at 2412 Baltimore Pike Hanover, PA 17331. The public may deposit unwanted medications anonymously in the take-back boxes during township hours, except on holidays.

This partnership program provides a secure disposal option for unwanted medications from **residential sources** at no cost to the public or law enforcement. The secure medication take-back box, purchased from MedReturn, works like a mailbox: once medications are deposited, they cannot be retrieved and are contained in a locked compartment accessible only by law enforcement

The heavy-duty green metal box bolts to the floor and wall. Medication collected in the take-back box program will be delivered by law enforcement to the Authority's waste-to-energy facility for environmentally safe destruction. Law enforcement also maintains the box and secures medications that are received until they can be destroyed.

The Authority has invited all York County police departments to participate and has established medication take-back boxes in nearly all police departments across the county. The Authority purchases a box for each interested police department and provides free destruction of medications at the York County Resource Recovery Center, the Authority's waste-to-energy facility located in Manchester Township.

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The Authority's waste-to-energy facility is equipped with state-of-the-art combustion technology and air emission controls making it York County's best waste management tool for destruction of unwanted or expired prescription or over-the-counter medication. The facility's operator, Covanta York Renewable Energy, also supports this program.

Notes Dave Vollero, Authority Executive Director, "Using waste-to-energy technology to manage medications keeps them out of landfills and wastewater treatment systems. We have long advised residents to make medications unrecognizable and unpalatable and place them out with their regular garbage for delivery to our facility. For those residents not comfortable with placing medication out at the curb, the take-back box program will offer a convenient and secure option that achieves the same results: safe management, complete destruction and the production of alternative energy."

Residents interested in dropping medication at a take-back box location should remove their personal information from containers before depositing them in boxes. ONLY RESIDENTIAL prescription or over-the-counter medications are accepted, along with pet medications. Pharmacies, hospitals and other commercial sources of medications are not eligible to participate. Syringes and other "sharps" are not accepted in this program.

For more information about the program, visit the Authority's web site at: www.ycswa.com. As the program expands to other locations, the Authority will announce them to the public. Below are the participating police departments:

Carroll Township Police Department, 555 Chestnut Grove Road, Dillsburg, PA. Open Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM

City of York Police Department, 50 West King Street, York, PA. Open Monday through Friday from 6AM to 10:30PM.

Fairview Township Police Department, 599 Lewisberry Road, New Cumberland, PA. Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM.

Hanover Borough Police Department, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA. Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM.

Hellam Township Police Department, 44 Walnut Springs Road, York, PA. Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM. **This box serves residents of Hellam Township and Wrightsville Borough.**

Lower Windsor Township Police Department, 2425 Craley Rd, Wrightsville, PA.
Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM.

Newberry Township Police Department, 1905 Old Trail Road, Etters, PA. Open
Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

North Hopewell Township Police Department, 13081 High Point Road, Felton, PA.
Open Monday through Thursday from 7:30AM to 3:00PM.

Northeastern Regional Police Department, 5570 Board Road, Mount Wolf, PA. Open
Monday through Friday from 7:30AM to 4PM.

Northern York County Regional Police Department, 1445 East Canal Road, Dover,
PA. Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM.

Penn Township Police Department, 20 Wayne Avenue, Hanover, PA. Open Monday
through Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM.

Southern Regional Police Department, 47 E. High Street, New Freedom, PA. Open
Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4PM.

Southwestern Regional Police Department, 6115 Thoman Drive, Spring Grove, PA.
Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM.

Spring Garden Township Police Department, 340 Tri Hill Road in Spring Garden
Township. Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM.

Springettsbury Township Police Department, 1501 Mount Zion Road, York, PA.
Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5PM.

West Manchester Township Police Department, 380 East Berlin Road, York, PA.
Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM.

West Manheim Township municipal office, 2412 Baltimore Pike Hanover, PA.
Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4PM.

West York Borough Police Department, 1700 West Philadelphia Street, York, PA.
Open Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4:30PM

York Area Police Department, 33 Oak Street, York, PA. Open Monday through Friday
from 8AM to 5PM.

The Authority facilitates responsible solid waste management through an integrated system that emphasizes waste reduction, reuse, recycling and resource recovery. The Authority is the owner of the York County Resource Recovery Center in Manchester Township. The Resource Recovery Center manages York County's household and commercial waste, as well as some manufacturing waste.