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Reduce the Risk Glendale Heights Police Department launches collection program for expired or unused medications

The residents of Glendale Heights can now dispose of expired or unused medications by dropping them off in a permanent drop box at the Glendale Heights Police Department, 300 Civic Center Plaza. Look for the large white metal drop box labeled RxBOX in the lower level Police Department Lobby. The permanent RxBOX drop box is available to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no charge to residents to drop off your medications.

The Village's RxBOX program, aptly named "Reduce the Risk", is intended to help reduce the potential for misuse of medications. The program helps to reduce safety concerns that may occur with accidental ingestion of medication by children in a household and is one way to help address the growing issue of prescription drug abuse by teens.

This new program is also intended to reduce pharmaceutical threats to our water supplies or waterways after disposal. Glendale Heights residents may not be aware that improperly disposing of prescription or over-the-counter drugs, such as dumping them down a drain or flushing them down a toilet, may contribute to environmental concerns about water supplies or waterways. Despite overall concerns about flushing or dumping medications, we can assure you that the Glendale Heights water supply meets or exceeds all safety standards as established by state and federal Environmental Protection Agencies.

Glendale Heights is one of thirteen collection sites established throughout DuPage County. This is a cooperative effort by the Village of Glendale Heights, its Police Department, DuPage County Government, and the DuPage County Health Department. The medications dropped off for the program will be transported to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for safe incineration which is being funded by IEPA.



Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this important effort to protect our youth and the environment. Help us "Reduce the Risk" by removing expired and unused medication from the home. For more information visit the Village website at www.glendaleheights.org or contact the program coordinator Debra McKenzie at 630-909-5459.