

# Darien Police Department

## Drug Box

Much has been said about the opioid crisis and abuse of prescription medications. There are a number of causes and decisions made to create such a situation. However, the bottom line is there are too many medications available. There are a number of means to eliminate the excessive amount of medications available. One is to turn in the unused medications to a pharmacy that collects them and many police departments have disposal methods. Darien has an Rx Drug Box in the lobby. The lobby hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday and 8:00am to 12:00pm on Saturday. Since 2009, the Rx Drug Box program (not just in Darien) has collected 106,434 pounds of medication.

### What Goes in the RxBox?

- Place Miscellaneous Drugs (pills/tabs, capsules, patches, eye drops, ointments, sealed cough syrups, syringes that do NOT have needles) in a plastic zipped/sealed bag.
- Liquid & Powdered Medications must be kept in its bottle (turn cap tightly to secure from leaking), cross out any personal information & place liquid or powder bottle in a sealed plastic bag.
- Place Inhaler/Air-Compressed Medications in separate, sealed plastic bag.
- Place Mercury Thermometers in separate, sealed plastic bag.

### What Does NOT Go in the RxBox?

- Do NOT include pill bottles, boxes, garbage bags, grocery bags – dispose in the blue recycle bin, next to RxBox.
- Do NOT put exposed needles in the RxBox, but can insert into the Sharps Container attached to the front of the RxBox. \*\*For large amount of exposed needles, submit in your own hard plastic container/Sharps Container\*\*
- ONLY EXCEPTIONS that should include packaging: Safety-Sealed Sharps Containers (MAX of 5Qt.), CAPPED Epi-Pens, new/sealed packaging of CAPPED Needles/Sharp Syringes/Lancets.

## **SB1919 - The Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal Act**

You can help keep our water clean! It is good to remember that no one should flush or pour their old medications down the drain where they will end up in our water. DuPage County has provided FREE prescription and OTC medication drop off.

### **The Rx Box Program**

Unwanted medicine excluding regulated medicines/controlled substances can be dropped off at any of the following locations:

- DuPage Sheriff; 501 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton
- Carol Stream Police Department; 500 N. Gary Ave.
- Bloomingdale Police Department; 2015 Bloomingdale Rd.
- Lisle Police Department, 5040 Lincoln Ave.
- Burr Ridge Police Department; 7660 County Line Rd.
- Addison Police Department; 3 Friendship Plaza
- Wood Dale Police Department; 404 N. Wood Dale Rd.
- Glendale Heights Police Department; 300 Civic Center Plaza
- Schaumburg Police Department; 1000 W. Schaumburg Rd.
- Lemont Police Department; 416 Main St.
- Oak Brook Police Department; 1200 Oak Brook Rd.
- Wheaton Police Department, 900 W Liberty

#### ***To Drop Off Medication:***

***Remove old/unwanted medications from their containers and put in a ziploc-type bag. If the medication is liquid, leave it in its container, but be sure to block out any personal information from the***

## **RECYCLE YOUR APPLIANCES!**

### ***RECONNECT Computer Recycling through Goodwill Donation Centers and DELL.***

If you have an old computer to dispose of, don't put it in the landfill **RECYCLE** it! DELL and Goodwill have teamed up to provide this service. You can drop any old computer system at your local Goodwill Donation Center.

For more information or to find a location near you go to [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org), or call 630-357-6258

### ***Receive \$25 for your old appliance***

Do you have an old refrigerator that is no longer needed or just keeping the soda cool? Consider recycling it with ComEd.

Those old, inefficient refrigerators which were made without current energy saving standards may be costing you more than you know. According to ComEd, that old appliance could be using up to 5 times more energy than a new one and costing over \$150 more in electric bills.

If you are a ComEd customer, they will

- Pick up your refrigerator or freezer (or old room air conditioner) for FREE
- Pay you \$25
- Dismantle and recycle of as many of the refrigerator parts as possible and properly dispose of any remaining parts

For more details and contact information call 1-888-806-2273 between 7am-8pm M-F and 9am-5pm Saturday