



# **News Release**

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## **Drop Off Unwanted Medications**

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE—Residents may now drop off unwanted or unused medications at the City of Mountlake Terrace Police Department at 5906 232<sup>nd</sup> Street SW. Secure lock boxes are available at 28 police departments located throughout Snohomish County for people to drop off unwanted vitamins, cold medicines, painkillers, inhalers and other medications. For details and hours, call the Program information line at (425) 388-3199.

Police ask people to leave items in their original containers and black out any personal information except the name of the medication. Persons dropping off unused medications do not need to provide their name, only ZIP codes for research purposes. The secure boxes will be emptied frequently and medications destroyed by law enforcement personnel.

Officials are hopeful that this new pilot program will reduce the number of drug overdoses, accidental poisonings, and people becoming dependent on prescription painkillers. It is also intended to educate people about the dangers of prescription drug abuse.

For further information about the Prescription Drug Drop-Off Program, contact Joie Worthen at (425) 744-6248 or by e-mail at [jworthen@ci.mlt.wa.us](mailto:jworthen@ci.mlt.wa.us).

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