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### **Warren County Sheriff's Office Implements "Project Medicine Drop"**

(BELVIDERE, NJ) -- Unwanted or outdated medicines can be safely disposed of through "Project Medicine Drop," Warren County Sheriff David P. Gallant has announced. This project is a free medicine collection program for residents to safely dispose of unwanted, expired, or unused medicines.

The drop-off site will be overseen by the County Sheriff's Office and located at the Warren County Courthouse, 413 Second Street, Belvidere. This program is a cooperative effort between the Sheriff's Office, the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, the state Division of Consumer Affairs, and the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Medicines will be accepted Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the entrance to the courthouse. Medicines will not be accepted on weekends or holidays.

The Drop Box is a lockable metal container that resembles a mailbox. The program is designed to limit access to persons seeking to abuse prescription medications. Research has shown that a high percentage of young adults that have abused prescription medications obtained those drugs from family or friends. Furthermore, a U.S. Geological Survey conducted last year revealed that approximately 80 percent of rivers tested contained traces of pharmaceuticals. This can be attributed to the improper disposal of prescription medications.

For more information or questions about this program, people may visit the Project Medicine Drop website at [nj.gov/oag/ca/meddrop](http://nj.gov/oag/ca/meddrop).

The Drop Box will accept household medications only. Pills, capsules, patches, and pet medications will be accepted. Illicit drugs, mail, trash, syringes, and liquids will not be accepted. Individuals may submit medicines in their original container and use a marker to cross out their names, if they choose to, and then place the medicines in a clear plastic bag with the name of the medications on the bag.

Covanta Energy, the waste to energy facility located in Oxford, also is assisting with this project and the proper disposal of these medications.