

# POLICE



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**Greendale Police Department**

Greendale, Wisconsin

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### Unused Prescription Medication Collection

#### **What's NEW**

*The City of Milwaukee has partnered with Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer District (MMSD) to take on the responsibility of transporting pharmaceuticals collected to an authorized energy facility. MMSD and Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) have agreed to pay for transportation.*

*Below is the new procedure.*

- **No businesses allowed. All waste pharmaceuticals must be generated by a household.**
- **IMPORTANT:** Police department collections are ONLY open to residents of the Village of Greendale.
- **Unused pharmaceuticals will ONLY be accepted in a clear plastic bag.** The public will be required to empty unused pills from the container into a clear plastic bag. Dispose pill bottles or containers into your recycling bin or the garbage. You do not have to take pills out of flat, plastic, pillow or bubble packaging. Liquids, creams, and sprays can remain in the original container.
- Unused pharmaceuticals should be pre-packaged in a clear plastic bag **prior to bringing them to the disposal box** in the lobby of the Police Department. Police staff will no longer remove identifying personal information and prescription information.
- **NEVER** flush or pour unused or expired medicine down the drain. Water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all of them and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and lakes around the world.
- **BRING:** Prescription and over-the-counter medications, ointments, sprays, inhalers, creams, vials and pet medications.
- **DO NOT BRING:** Illegal drugs, needles/sharps, bio-hazardous material (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc.), hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas).

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