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Cambridge Residents Encouraged to Deposit Unused Prescriptions in New Drug Drop-Box at the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Building

August 9, 2010 – Through a partnership with the Cambridge Public Health Department and the Cambridge Prevention Coalition, the Cambridge Police Department is now an approved controlled substance collection site for residents of the City of Cambridge.

The Cambridge Police Department is located at 125 Sixth Street and, beginning August 9th, residents may anonymously deposit unused medications at any time in the drop box located in the first floor lobby of the police station's Records Unit.



Why citizens should turn in their unused prescription drugs:

- Children and animals could be poisoned if they find and swallow drugs.
- Drugs can be scavenged and illegally sold.
- Unused pharmaceuticals are environmental toxins; flushing them down the toilet or sink can release them into our drinking water and soil.

The Cambridge Police ask that residents comply with the following standards when making a deposit at the police department:

- Locate the collection box and place medications in a plastic bag provided at the location.
- Seal the bag and drop the bag into the box.
- Open containers of liquid and syringes will not be accepted at this time.

For information on prescription drug collection as well as a list of items that will and will not be accepted, visit http://www.cambridgema.gov/CityOfCambridge_Content/documents/FLYER_DropBox.pdf

For more information on the Overdose Prevention and Education Network (OPEN) Project and the proper disposal of prescription drugs, visit <http://odprevention.org/>.