

News Release

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Subject: Prescription Drug Drop Off Box

The Mansfield Police Department has received a prescription drug drop box from the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI). The drop off box has been installed on the first floor of the city building in the lobby of the police department. Citizens may dispose of unwanted, expired, or unused prescription drugs and over the counter medications in the secure drop box during normal business hours (Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm). **The disposal of liquids and needles in the drop box is prohibited.**

The Mansfield Police Department strongly supports the National Prescription Take Back event that is held twice a year. However, how does a citizen properly dispose of this unwanted medication when a take back program is not scheduled or is several weeks or months away? Every day the drugs remain in their home it makes them a potential target for abuse, with potential catastrophic outcomes, especially for our American youth.

Lt. Keith Porch believes having the new drug drop off box will give citizens the greater ability to properly dispose of the medications throughout the year. Attached is a picture of what the drop off box looks like.

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