

# ATLANTIC COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

4997 Unami Boulevard, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

**Theodore F. L. Housel**

**Prosecutor**

---

## NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release

Nov. 13, 2009

5 Page (s)

For further information contact:

Lt. Tim Alexander 609-909-7800

---

**MAYS LANDING** – Prosecutor Ted Housel wishes to remind all Atlantic County residents that Operation Medicine Cabinet is on for Saturday Nov. 14, 2009.

The initiative is open to all county residents. The event was organized to encourage people to properly dispose of their unused, unwanted and expired medicine. There are over 250 New Jersey police departments participating in the event spearheaded by the Drug Enforcement Administration's New Jersey Division (DEA), the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General and the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey (PDFNJ).

After consulting with the DEA, the Prosecutor said county residents could drop off other kinds of drugs of abuse, including veterinary drugs such as Ketamine, an animal tranquilizer. Also, the program is not limited to prescription drugs.

"We encourage persons to come forward with drugs of abuse of any kind," Prosecutor Housel stated. "All submissions will remain anonymous and no person submitting the drugs of abuse will be subjected to arrest or criminal charges."

Operation Medicine Cabinet New Jersey will have local collection sites throughout Atlantic County from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow. In an effort to ensure it will be available to residents of all corners of the county, members of the Prosecutor's Office will be at the City Hall in Corbin City, located at 316 Route 50, to assist in the collection.

Sites for drop off throughout Atlantic County are as follows:

- Atlantic City Free Library  
1 North Tennessee Avenue  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
609-347-5858

- Brigantine  
St. Philips School  
42nd St. & Brigantine Ave.  
Brigantine, NJ 08203  
609-266-7414
- Corbin City - City Hall  
316 Route 50  
Corbin City, NJ 08270  
609-909-7800
- New Jersey State Police Buena Station  
1045 SH 54  
Buena Vista, NJ 08094  
609-561-7267
- NJSP- Buena Vista Station (or any location closest to your home)  
1045 Rt. 54  
Williamstown, NJ 08094  
609-561-7267
- Egg Harbor City Ambulance Squad  
700 Philadelphia Avenue  
Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215  
609-965-2901
- Egg Harbor Township Community Center  
5045 English Creek Avenue  
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234  
609-272-8120
- NJSP- Buena Vista Station (or any location closest to your home)  
1045 Rt. 54  
Williamstown, NJ 08094  
609-561-7267
- NJSP- Buena Vista Station (or any location closest to your home)  
1045 Route 54  
Williamstown, NJ 08094  
609-561-7267
- Hamilton Township Rescue Squad  
1401 Route 50  
Mays Landing, NJ 08330  
609-625-2700 Ext. 572

- NJSP - Hamilton Barracks (or any location closest to your home)  
1400 Negrón Drive  
Hamilton, NJ 08691  
609-584-5000 x. 5297
- Hammonton Police Department  
100 Central Ave.  
Hammonton, NJ 08037  
609-567-4300, ext. 1
- Linwood Police Department  
400 Poplar Avenue  
Linwood, NJ 08221  
609-927-5252
- Longport Community Hall  
33rd & Atlantic Avenues  
Longport, NJ 08403  
609-822-2141
- Margate City Hall  
1 South Washington Avenue  
Margate City, NJ 08402  
609-822-1151
- Mays Landing  
Atlantic County Sheriff - Oaks of Weymouth  
100 Oaks Drive  
Mays Landing, NJ 08330  
609-909-7216
- Mullica Township Transfer Station  
Weekstown Road  
Elwood, NJ 08217  
609-561-7600
- Northfield City Hall/Police Station  
1600 Shore Road, Northfield  
Northfield City, NJ 08225  
609-641-28382 Ext. 115
- Pleasantville Police Department  
17 N. First Street  
Pleasantville, NJ 08232  
609-641-6100

- Pomona  
Richard Stockton College- Sports Center  
Richard Stockton College, Pomona  
Pomona - Richard Stockton College, NJ 08240  
609-652-4390
  
- Port Republic  
Atlantic County Sheriff - Port General Store  
205 Clarks Landing Road  
Port Republic City, NJ 08241  
609-909-7216
  
- Somers Point Police Department  
.1 W. New Jersey Avenue  
.Somers Point, NJ 08244  
.609-927-6161
  
- Ventnor City Hall - Cambridge Avenue Entrance  
6201 Atlantic Avenue  
Ventnor City, NJ 08406  
609-822-2101
  
- Weymouth NJSP- Buena Vista Station (or any location closest to your home)  
1045 Rt. 54  
Williamstown, NJ 08094  
609-561-7267

For more information and directions to the sites visit the Website:  
[www.operationmedicinecabinetnj.com](http://www.operationmedicinecabinetnj.com).

Gerard P. McAleer, Special Agent-in-Charge of the DEA stated, "We are very excited about the wide spread support and enthusiasm Operation Medicine Cabinet New Jersey is gaining in our coordinated efforts to bring public attention to this issue that is impacting our youth, our families, and our communities. Law enforcement is concerned with the alarming trend in the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs, with potential access to these drugs coming from the medicine cabinets of family and friends."

"This operation will reduce the availability of potent drugs that lead kids down a path to addiction," Attorney General Anne Milgram said. "We can't break a cycle of dependence if powerful prescription drugs are stashed in our own homes, tucked away in drawers and cabinets."

According to McAleer and Angelo Valente, Executive Director of Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey, a 2007 study by the National Study of Drug-Use and Health, found that 70-percent of prescription drug abusers said they got the drugs from friends or relatives and the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), reported that upwards of 9 million people use prescription medication for non-medical uses. They noted that the 2007 Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey Principals survey found that half of the

principals surveyed said that prescription drugs are abused more than twice that of ecstasy and cocaine by New Jersey Middle School students.

**Anyone with information involving serious crimes is asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office at 609-909-7800 or go to the Prosecutor's Office Web site at <http://www.acpo.org/tips.html> and provide information by filling out the form anonymously on the Submit a Tip page. People can also call Crime Stoppers at 609-652-1234 or 1-800-658-8477 (TIPS) or visit the Crime Stoppers Website at <http://www.crimestoppersatlantic.com/>. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.**