

## Chelan County Sheriff's Office Prescription Medication Drop Box Program

In 2012, the Chelan County Sheriff's Office received two Drug Take Back boxes through a grant secured by Renee Hunter, Executive Director for Wenatchee's "Together for a Drug Free Youth." The purpose of this drop box program was to create a convenient and secure location for residents to discard their unneeded household pharmaceuticals. This ensures that these medications, some of which may be controlled substances, are transferred from the individual prescribed directly into the Sheriff's office evidence collection process as abandoned property, preventing their possible diversion to unauthorized persons. Additionally, this process prevents possible harm to the environment should these substances be flushed down the drain or simply tossed in the trash.

The drop box provides a sealed, self-contained system for collecting these substances in a pharmaceutical container that safeguard against spillage. The collection drop box is especially designed for this purpose and is constructed of 16 gauge steel with a one-way hopper style door. It has been securely fastened in place in the Sheriff's office. Items deposited in the drop box are non-recoverable by the depositor. The collected medications will then be periodically destroyed through witnessed incineration.

### Locations with drop boxes:

Chelan County Sheriff's Office - Wenatchee

401 Washington Street, Level 1

Wenatchee, WA 98801

Drop off hours: Monday - Friday 9AM-5PM

Chelan County Sheriff's Office - Chelan Substation

207 N. Emerson

Chelan, WA 98816

Drop off hours: Monday - Thursday 9AM-5PM

For questions about the Chelan County Sheriff's Office Prescription Medication Drop Box Program: 509-667-6875

