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## City of Renton Police Department offers free disposal of unwanted and expired medicines

Secure kiosk on first floor is accessible during business hours

**Renton, WA** – City of Renton residents now have a secure method to dispose of unwanted and expired medicines present in their homes. The Renton Police Department has installed a kiosk designed to dispose of such medicines in their lobby on the first floor of City Hall.

"Leftover medications, especially those containing opioids, are a potential hazard for everyone and I hope residents will take advantage of this program," said Denis Law, Renton mayor. "Studies have shown there's a direct link between abuse of over-the-counter opioids and our nation's heroin problem."

The kiosk is located in the police department's information office on the first floor lobby of city hall, 1055 South Grady Way, Renton, Wash., 98057, and is accessible from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The kiosk accepts bottles up to 6 inches in diameter and 12 inches tall. It does not accept medical waste and is tamper-proof.

This free service is coordinated by King County as part of their secure medicine return program.

## About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 101,300 (2016), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of nationally recognized companies that are providing employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information can be found at <a href="rentonwa.gov">rentonwa.gov</a>.

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