



*Please Join Us
as we announce an exciting new partnership
in the Coatesville area*



Thursday, February 6th at 10 am

*Brandywine Health Foundation & Coatesville Youth Initiative Offices
50 South First Avenue ~ Coatesville, PA 19320*

The Brandywine Health Foundation in partnership with Pennsylvania American Water and local Police Departments will formally announce the installation of Medication Collection Boxes to be located at police departments in and around Coatesville. Medical Collection Boxes will offer our residents the opportunity to anonymously and safely dispose of unwanted and expired drugs and medication 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our goal is to get these drugs safely off the streets, keeping them away from our youth and protecting our local waterways from contamination. We want to make it convenient to get these unused and dangerous drugs out of the home, safeguarding the family and decreasing the possibility of the drugs being diverted or misused. This initiative is made possible by a generous grant from Pennsylvania American Water.



"By partnering with the Brandywine Health Foundation, Coatesville Youth Initiative and the local police departments, we are able to provide a real community-wide benefit with these pharmaceutical drop boxes. We hope the public will take advantage of the collection boxes, which offer a convenient and environmentally safe way to dispose of unused or expired medications rather than flushing them down the toilet, where they would eventually end up in local waterway."

~ Jim Gable, operations superintendent for Pennsylvania American Water's Coatesville District.

Representatives from Pennsylvania American Water, Brandywine Health Foundation and Coatesville Youth Initiative will discuss the importance of this program while the Police Chiefs from the City of Coatesville, Caln Township, West Caln Township, West Brandywine Township and Valley Township will discuss the accessibility of these new collection boxes. Elected officials including Thomas P. Hogan, Chester County DA, will also comment on the program and a question and answer period for the public will follow.

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The Coatesville Youth Initiative Drug Free Communities program is focused on strengthening collaboration among community entities. We seek to educate, motivate and change the perceptions, attitudes and choices regarding prescription drugs.