



## ANONYMOUS GUN DROP OFF

If you find yourself in possession of any unwanted firearms or ammunition, you can surrender them to the Meridian Township Police by following the steps below:

1. Call the Police Department at 517.853.4800. Let the cadet know you have firearms to bring in for destruction.
2. An officer may ask you for your identification when you turn in the firearm(s) for documentation purposes. You are **not required** to provide your identity when turning in a firearm if you do not feel comfortable doing so. The officer will still accept the firearm(s) without your identification.
3. If you know how to safely unload the firearm(s), **please do so**. If you do not know how to unload the firearm(s), let the cadet know when you call. An officer can be dispatched to your home to assist if you prefer.
4. When transporting a firearm, the following must occur:
  - All firearms **MUST** be unloaded prior to transport in a motor vehicle.
  - All firearms should be stored in a case specifically designed for firearms.
  - The firearm must be transported in an area of the vehicle not readily accessible by the occupants (such as the trunk).
  - Ammunition must be transported in a separate area from the firearm. The glove box or passenger compartment of the vehicle are acceptable locations.
5. If possible, place a gun lock, chamber flag, flex tie or other obstruction to lock open the chamber on a revolver, the slide on a semi-automatic handgun, or the action on a long gun.
6. Drive directly to Meridian Township Police Department located at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864. If you are stopped by police while transporting the firearm, immediately notify the officer that the weapon is in the vehicle and that you are on your way to the police department to surrender it.
7. On arrival at the police department, park your vehicle in a visitor space, make sure your vehicle is locked, and go inside to ask for further instructions.
8. Please **do not bring any firearms into the Police Department building**. Leave all firearms in their containers inside your vehicle until given further instructions by a police officer.
9. A report number will be generated and can be provided to you upon request.

### ***What Happens to Items I Bring in?***

1. Firearms will be checked through a national database to be sure they have not been reported stolen or used in the commission of a crime.
2. Firearms/ammunition is stored in a secure area until we have accumulated a sufficient quantity to send out for destruction.
3. The Meridian Township Police Department does not sell firearms or ammunition. All firearms and ammunition turned in will be destroyed unless a legal owner can be identified.