

Medicine Collection Day

...a prescription for clean water & safe kids

For Milwaukee, Kenosha, Ozaukee and Waukesha Counties.
(Due to funding, residents may only visit the collection in your county.)



May 8th, 2010



NEVER flush or pour unused medicine down the drain.
Bring it to “Medicine Collection Day.”

- ***Help protect Lake Michigan***
- ***Reduce substance abuse***
- ***Prevent childhood poisonings***

You CAN Bring:
Prescription Medication
& Over the Counter
Medication. Ointments,
sprays, inhalers, creams,
vials and pet medications
are acceptable.



Do NOT Bring:
Illegal Drugs,
Biohazardous Material,
Needles/Sharps,
Personal Care Products
(shampoo, soaps,
lotions, sunscreens, etc),
Household Hazardous
Waste (paint, pesticides,
oil, gas).

WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove all medicines from wastewater. Drugs can end up going through the plants and directly to our lakes and rivers. Various levels of antibiotics, anti-depressants, veterinary drugs, birth control hormones and other drugs have been detected in waterways across the United States.

Research suggests that hormones found in pharmaceuticals may cause abnormalities in the reproductive cycles of fish. Antibiotics in the environment may also contribute to the development of drug resistant germs.

HOW DOES THE COLLECTION WORK?

Please keep medication in the original package or bottle. You **CAN** cross off your name and address, but **DO NOT** cover up or remove the name of the medicine. Simply drive or walk through the drop off area and give your medicine to a pharmacist. They will sort the medication into one of two groups. Federal law requires that we immediately hand over certain drugs to law enforcement. Law enforcement will destroy all drugs it receives. Veolia Environmental Services will incinerate the rest of the medicine collected at a federally licensed incinerator.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESIDENTS

May 8th, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Miller Park, Milwaukee
Miller lot by the "sausage haus"

KENOSHA COUNTY RESIDENTS

May 8th, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kenosha County Job Center - Entrance D
8600 Sheridan Road, Kenosha

Kenosha County Center
19600 75th Street, Bristol

OZAUKEE COUNTY RESIDENTS

May 8th, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Ozaukee County Hwy. Dept.
410 S. Spring Street, Port Washington
Milwaukee Area Technical College
5555 West Highland Road, Mequon

WAUKESHA COUNTY RESIDENTS

Brookfield: Ruby Isle (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

Menomonee Falls: Community Memorial
Hospital (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

Mukwonago: D.N. Greenwald Center,
240 West Maple Avenue (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

Oconomowoc: Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital
(9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

Pewaukee: WCTC (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Waukesha: Waukesha State Bank,
Downtown Branch (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH OLD MEDS IF I CAN'T GO TO THE COLLECTION?

If you live in Milwaukee County, nearly a dozen police departments are now collecting unused medicine all year long, but only from residents of the participating communities. [Click here for a list of municipalities taking part.](#)

If you **CAN** store unused meds safely, keeping them out of the reach of kids, wait for the next "Medicine Collection Day." If you **CAN'T** store old medication safely and have to get rid of it, the federal government recommends throwing it in the garbage. It's not a perfect option. Most landfills collect liquid that seeps through the landfill and direct it to a sanitary sewer. Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove all medicines from wastewater. However, if you need to throw it away, grind it up and mix it with coffee grounds or something nasty that no one would want to eat. Or, dissolve it in a jar with water and kitty litter.

