

Rx for safe disposal



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RX FOR SAFE DISPOSAL, MEDICATION COLLECTION EVENT:

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2008
10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
CONNECTICUT WATER COMPANY
93 WEST MAIN STREET (ROUTE 1)
CLINTON**

Q: What time can I bring the medications?

A: Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, September 20 - **ONLY**

Q: What will be accepted?

- A:**
- ✓ Prescription medications
 - ✓ Over-the-counter medications
 - ✓ Vitamins
 - ✓ Veterinary medications

Q: What will **NOT** be accepted?

A: No sharps/needles or mercury thermometers.

Q: What will happen to the medications?

A: They will be incinerated at an approved facility.

Q: Will they be resold or reused?

A: No medications will be re-sold, re-used, or re-distributed. They will all be destroyed.

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Q: Will I get a refund?

A: No.

Q: Who is paying for the event?

A: Connecticut Water Company

Q: Will I have to pay anything?

A: No, this is a free event.

Q: Do I have to be a CVS customer?

A: No.

Q: Can I bring materials from other stores?

A: Yes.

Q: I work at a doctor's office/hospital/clinic/nursing home/etc. Can I bring in our medications?

A: No. The event is only for individuals.

Q: Do I have to do anything special with the medicine ahead of time?

A:

- ✓ Keep the medications in their original containers.
- ✓ Cross out personal information if you want, but keep the name of the medication readable.

Q: Will any personal information be collected?

A: No.

Q: Will the police be there?

A: Yes.

Q: I won't be able to attend the event. What should I do with my medications?

A:

- ✓ **NEVER** flush unwanted or leftover medications down the drain.
 - ✓ **NEVER** give your unwanted medicine to someone else to use – it could kill them.
 - ✓ **NEVER** take a prescription that was prescribed for someone else. It could kill you.
 - ✓ If you must throw them out, do not put medications in the trash without disguising them – human or animal scavengers may find them and consume them.
1. Keep the medicines in the original container. This will help identify the contents if they are accidentally ingested.
 2. Mark out your name and prescription number for safety.
 3. For solid medications (pills) add a small amount of water to partially dissolve them. For liquid medications add salt or flour to discourage anyone from eating it. Close the lid and secure with duct or packing tape.
 4. Place the bottle(s) inside an opaque (non see-through) bag or container like an empty yogurt or margarine tub so it can not be seen. Do not conceal medicines in food products because animals could inadvertently consume them.
 5. Discard the container in the trash. Do not put it in your recycle bin.

Q: Will you be holding another collection?

A: No event is scheduled at this time.

Q: Do you know of anyone else that is offering a collection?

A: No.

More questions ?

For more information, contact **Corinne Ewing, CVS/pharmacy** at (401) 770-5085 or **Connecticut Water Company** at 1-800-286-5700