

MEDICINE COLLECTION DAY

...a prescription for clean water and safe kids

June 19, 2010

For Marin County Residents

Presented by the Marin County Major Crimes Task Force in
conjunction with the Marin County Sheriff's Department



NEVER flush or pour unused medicine down the drain
Bring it to "Medicine Collection Day"

Help protect our water

Reduce substance abuse

Prevent childhood poisonings



You CAN bring:

Prescription medication and
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?

Drugs can end up going through plants and directly into 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 in marine life. Antibiotics in the environment may also contribute to the development of drug resistant germs.

HOW DOES THE COLLECTION WORK?

If possible, 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 Deputy. The Sheriff's Department will destroy all drugs it receives.

Saturday June 19, 2010
Marin Veteran's Memorial Auditorium
10 Avenue of the Flags
San Rafael, CA 94903
9am-1pm

GOAL

“Medicine Collection Day” is to help citizens in their community get rid of old prescription pills. The Marin County Major Crimes Task Force suggest that a “Medicine Collection Day” would be a great way to help educate the community members, take old unused pills out of possible circulation, and show how the Task Force and Sheriff’s Dept are “working in partnership with its communities.”

Most people are completely unaware of how unused medications may be abused by our young people and toxic or even deadly when not disposed of properly. Ridding households of used and unwanted medications is of critical importance. It can help prevent childhood poisonings, and help protect our lakes and streams from contamination. Moreover, it reduces access and the potential for abuse to often times extremely dangerous drugs when used without a prescription from a doctor. In a recent study called “Legal drugs have deadly impact” lays out the cold fact that medications are found in 70% of drug overdose deaths.

Reducing access to drugs is one of the goals of the Task Force and Sheriff’s Dept, as well as educating youth community residents on the issues of related issued of drug abuse and the harmful impact on our community. By properly disposing of unwanted and unused medication, residents will be taking a proactive approach which is helping to stop illegal buying and selling of prescription drugs, as well as abuse of over the counter medications.