National Drug Take-Back Day

This Saturday, September 29
**10am – 2pm**
The take-back location:  Michigan State Police Post, 7119 N Canal, Lansing – there is a link to a map here:
https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/NTBI/ntbi-pub.pub?_flowExecutionKey=_c7983B78C-2185-0566-0E6A-69776790BBEF_kFBA5CA1F-9FF6-E87D-D3F1-F3F832B5B235

**Other options:**
http://www.disposemymeds.org/index.php/pharmacy-locator

**Medication Disposal Guidelines:**

1. **Clear out old medications for safety sake!** "Medicine Chest Confusion" can result when leftover or expired pharmaceuticals are stored, sometimes leading to dangerous mix-ups. Or they can get into the wrong hands - medications are a major source of poisoning in young children. The following reports were made to Michigan's Poison Control Center for accidental ingestion of medications in children under 5 years old from January-June 2008:
   - Ibuprofen - 877 reports
   - Pediatric Multivitamins - 501 reports
   - Antihistamines - 474 reports
   - Antibiotics - 463 reports
   - Calcium Supplements - 333 reports

2. **Don't put medications down the toilet or sink!** Whether you are on a septic system or municipal sewer, traces of flushed chemicals can reach the environment. Research shows that neither system removes them completely.

3. **Wrap and Trash!** Remove or black out any personal information on the label, but ensure the drug name is still visible. Wrap medication containers in duct tape, followed by several layers of plastic bags, to prevent crushing in the trash truck and contents spilling out. Many people are reluctant to send medications to the landfill for fear they will someday reach the groundwater aquifer. But modern landfills are lined, and the leachate is collected and treated to remove the harmful compounds.

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