FLUSHING MEDICINES HURTS PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE!

WHY?
Medicines are really hard to filter out of sewage in septic fields and sewage plants. Medicines get into ground water, wells, drinking water, lakes, rivers and streams! So...Water all over the US contains Antibiotics, Anti-Depressants, Sex Hormones, Anti-Seizure medicines, etc...

BAD FOR PEOPLE
especially children and pregnant women

BAD FOR AQUATIC WILDLIFE
Serious harm to fish populations!
Example:
Estrogen-like chemicals in the water lead to male bass with female characteristics in Antietam Creek in Maryland Potomac River Susquehanna River

NO DRUGS DOWN THE DRAIN!

Presented by the
ANTIETAM WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Preserving the Antietam Creek as a resource for the community
* Protecting the regional water supply
* Proceeding as a cooperative effort with community members and municipalities

Stream Restoration
Tree Planting
Roadside Clean-up
Storm Sewer Stenciling
Education
*
Join us!

www.antietamws.org
PO Box 331, Waynesboro, PA 17268
(717) 762-9417

February, 2017

HOW TO GET RID OF OLD AND UNWANTED MEDICINES

MAKE YOUR HOME A SAFETY ZONE

Take this home to keep for referral.
WHY GET RID OF YOUR OLD MEDICINES?

Prescription drug abuse:
now 4 times higher than 10 years ago.
More people die from misuse of prescription medications than illegal street drugs.

More die from overdoses than from car crashes.
More from prescribed than street drugs.

Pre-school children have died
after eating prescription drugs,
often at their grandparent’s homes.
Nearly half can open “child-resistant” packaging.

Don’t tempt your teens
to misuse family prescription & over-the-counter drugs at home.
12% of teens have abused amphetamines like Adderall or Ritalin
13% have taken addictive opioid pain relievers
6% have taken tranquilizers

TO GET RID OF MEDICATIONS
Prescription, Over-the-Counter,
Inhalers, Nasal Sprays, Creams, Ointments,
Patches, Vitamins, Pet Medications

Remove or blot out personal information.
Put PILLS in original or different containers, or zip-lock bags.
Seal LIQUIDS in original or different bottles.

****

TO GET RID OF SHARPS
Syringes, Needles & Connectors, Lancets
Insulin Injectors, Epi-Pens, Infusion Sets
Disposable or Auto Injectors

Put into red Sharps Boxes
blue PA Med Return Collection Boxes
at these Police Departments

Waynesboro Police Dept.
57 East Main St., 762-2132,
Mon. - Fri., 8 am – 4:30 pm

Chambersburg Police Dept.
116 South Second St., 264-4131,
Mon. - Fri., 8 am – 3 pm

Greencastle Police Dept.
60 N. Washington St., 597-9506 ext.202
Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am – 4 pm

Mercersburg Police Dept.
113 South Main St., 328-0150,328-3116
Mon. - Fri., 8 am – 4 pm

MOST DRUG STORES have MEDICINE MAIL-BACK
ASK YOUR PHARMACIST.
(Small fees apply.)

FLUSH ONLY ONE KIND OF MEDICINE:
Addictive
PRESCRIPTION PAIN KILLERS
like Fentanyl and Oxycode
(liquid, patches, or pills)
if you can’t quickly get them
to take-back programs.

LAST RESORT for MEDICATIONS
Hide medicines in sealed container or zip lock bag
filled with something disgusting
like kitty litter or coffee grounds.
Put it in the trash.
Blot out personal information on empty medicine container & also put that in the trash.

****

LAST RESORT for SHARPS
Don’t remove, bend, break, re-cap needles.
Seal into strong, lidded, wide-mouth plastic or metal container that doesn’t tip over.
Put into trash—don’t recycle.

STILL CONFUSED?
Ask your PHYSICIAN or VISITING NURSE or HOSPITAL.