

**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

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Protecting the regional water supply

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Proceeding as a cooperative effort
with community members and
municipalities



Stream Restoration

Tree Planting

Roadside Clean-up

Storm Sewer Stenciling

Education

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**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 Oxycodone
(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.