

THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN

Project Rx was a success

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Thumbs Up to everyone who took some of the 752 pounds of expired medicines to one of the two sites that were opened last Saturday as collection points for all sorts of prescription and over-the-counter medicines. This much is clear after this second Project Rx event: Many people want to get rid of old or unused medicines in a way that protects our rivers and creeks, and, equally important, ensures that old drugs don't get into the wrong hands. The first Project Rx was held last November and about 400 pounds of old medicines were collected. This time two drop-off locations were open — at McAlister Square and St. Francis Downtown — and the effort yielded more than 752 pounds of everything from antidepressants to hormones to pain killers to outdated vitamin supplements, according to a GreenvilleOnline.com story by Liv Osby. "We don't want to flush this stuff because eventually it will get into our waterways," said Stacy Flax, spokeswoman for Renewable Water Resources, or ReWa. And another Thumbs Up to the approximately 60 volunteers who helped with the event and to the sponsors: ReWa, Bon Secours St. Francis Health System, Carolina Institute for Community Policing, Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Greenville Family Partnership, Greenville Hospital System, Greenville Safe Communities Drug-Free Alliance, Greenville Technical College, Upstate Forever and Whole Foods Market. If you missed this event, get ready for another one in the fall.