

Project Rx to hold another collection day for old medications

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Upstate residents with expired medicines can dispose of them safely at a drive-through event next month designed to keep pharmaceuticals out of the region's waterways.

Dumping medicines down the drain or flushing them contaminates the water supply.

And with approximately five million prescriptions filled in Greenville County each year, according to event organizers, that could mean a lot of unused and expired drugs wind up in rivers and streams.

Project Rx: A River Remedy will be held on Oct. 29 at a variety of locations around the county.

This will be the third time since its launch last year.

More than 1,175 pounds of medications were collected at the last two events and disposed of by the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, according to organizers.

This time, the event has been joined by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, which has held a national drug take-back day of its own.

Old prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, supplements, and veterinary medicine will be collected at McAlister Square at 225. S Pleas-

antburg Drive, St. Francis' Millenium Campus near CU-ICAR at 2 Innovation Drive, and the Greenville County Medical Society at 1395 South Church Street.

Other drop-off locations, yet to be announced, also will be available through the partnership with the DEA.

The Project Rx task-force is led by Renewable Water Resources.

Partners include Bon Secours St. Francis Health System, the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Greenville Family Partnership and Greenville Technical College. Supporters include the Greenville County Medical Society, Greenville Water System, Senior Action, Upstate Forever and Whole Foods Market.