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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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PSA: Dispose of Unused Medicine

Many of us have needed to take some type of medication. Medicines ingested will pass through our bodies and eventually exit. Sometimes, however, we do not finish all the medicine and it remains in our homes. Old, unused, and expired medications, even over-the-counter ones, should be properly disposed to prevent accidental poisoning, theft, abuse, and misuse. Flushing these items down the toilet or sink is no longer an acceptable method of disposal. Modern water treatment plants are not able to remove the drug residues and they end up in the environment, the source of our drinking water supply. Potential harm may also be done to the environment that plants and animals rely on as their water source or habitat.

By using a drug take-back program in the community you can help reduce the chances of incidents that may occur from accidents and misuse of the drugs in the home. You can also help to reduce the effects on environment that we and all living organism depend.

The National Take-Back Initiative is set for September 27th and more information on times and location is available at:

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html. The



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Richmond Police Department has a drop box available in their lobby for

unwanted medicines as well and you can call 765-983-7247 for more information

on available times and acceptable items.

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<http://www.richmondindiana.gov/recycling>

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