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From: pharmwaste-admin@lists.dep.state.fl.us [mailto:pharmwaste-admin@lists.dep.state.fl.us] **On Behalf Of** Lynn Rubinstein
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To: pharmwaste@lists.dep.state.fl.us
Subject: [Pharmwaste] NERC Conference - We're not just talking about Unwanted Medications Collections - We're Going to Do One!

On March 23rd we're not just going to talk about *Unwanted Medication Collections* we're going to do one!



WHAT TO DO: REGISTER FOR THE NERC CONFERENCE! The agenda and registration information are available online at www.nerc.org.

This is an opportunity to clean out your medicine cabinets and bring all unwanted medications, including pet medications, to the event for proper disposal as well as learning about this growing environmental concern and how to take action.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE COLLECTED:

- Expired or unwanted prescriptions and medicine,
- Vitamins,
- Veterinary medications,
- Homeopathic treatments, and
- Over the counter medicines.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: There will be a police officer and pharmacist present to supervise the collection. All medicine will be sent to a waste facility for secure incineration. ***NO MEDICINE WILL BE RE-USED OR RE-SOLD.***

WHAT ABOUT PERSONAL INFORMATION ON BOTTLE LABELS? Please use a marker to cross off your name.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE ASKED OF YOU? You will be asked a few general questions, such as town of residence, why the medicine is no longer wanted and how long they've been kept. *No personal information will be requested.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT UNWANTED MEDICINE

- **NEVER** flush unwanted or leftover drugs down the drain. This can lead to water contamination and is affecting fish, frogs, and drinking water supplies.

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- NEVER put the unwanted medicine in the trash. They could be stolen and used, potentially result in death or illness.
- NEVER give your unwanted medicine to someone else to use – it could kill them.
- NEVER take a prescription that was prescribed for someone else. It could kill *you*.
- Having unwanted drugs around the home presents a danger to children, guests and pets who could accidentally ingest the drugs.

You have the opportunity to safely dispose of your unwanted prescription drugs at no cost. Spread the word to your friends and family. This is an important new program that will help to protect your health, your children and grandchildren's health, our community and the environment.

For more information, contact Lynn Rubinstein (lynn@nerc.org).

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