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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

April 26, 2014 10:00am-1:00pm

CANAL WINCHESTER - The City of Canal Winchester and Diley Ridge Medical Center in cooperation with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Agency, (DEA) have scheduled a prescription drug disposal event as part of the NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY. The event will be held April 26th from 10:00am-1:00pm at the Diley Ridge Medical Center parking lot 7911 Diley Road in Canal Winchester. "This will be a drive thru type setting where all you need to do is drop your unwanted prescription drugs at the drive thru and continue on your way" said Canal Winchester Mayor Michael Ebert. The NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY offers a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs in a safe manner. PLEASE NOTE: NO liquid medications will be accepted including inhalers and their refills.

More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2012 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day approximately one in four teens use prescription drugs to get high and are the most commonly abused drugs amongst 12-13 year olds according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America.

"Studies show that prescription drug abuse is often tied to medications from family and friends, including those readily available in home medicine cabinets. It is important to have a method to dispose of unused medication in order to reduce prescription drug abuse." said Jodi Wilson, President and Chief Operating Officer, of Diley Ridge Medical Center

Flushing prescription drugs is a safety and environmental concern for every community. "There is growing concern of the impact of pharmaceuticals in wastewater and how they affect the fish and wildlife in the streams and rivers in the areas where we live. This unused prescription collection effort goes a long way in raising public awareness towards this issue, as well as helping to take some of the vast amounts of unused medications out of our landfills" said Steven Smith, Manager of Water Reclamation – City of Canal Winchester

"Prescription drug abuse over the years has become more wide spread and it's time we start doing more to protect our children and grandchildren from prescription drugs and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department is pleased to be a part of this program" said Jerry Perrigo, Chief Deputy Fairfield County Sheriff's Office.

"I hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of their unwanted and expired prescription pills and tablets. And I want to thank Diley Ridge Medical Center for allowing us the use of their property as the drop off location once again and a Thank You to all the volunteers who help make the event possible" said Mayor Michael Ebert.

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Recycle Event To Be Held For Area Communities

Canal Winchester - The City of Canal Winchester announced that on Saturday, April 26th, 2014, the city will host a "Recycling Day" at the Canal Winchester High School on Washington St. from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The event is open to everyone from surrounding communities, with both residents and businesses welcome.

Accurate IT Services will be recycling electronics with certificates of destruction in accordance with ISO and WEEE standards. There is no limit to the amount of electronics that can be brought.

Recyclable electronics include, computers of all types, networking equipment, cell phones, copiers, VCR's, telephone systems, radios, laboratory electronics, cash registers, cd players, fax machines, stereos and cables. No wet-cell batteries or kitchen appliances accepted. Tube-type monitors and TV's will be charged \$10.00.

Cintas will provide an on-site mobile shred unit to securely and confidentially shred documents for free.

Each person and business is limited to 4 boxes (12x12x24) to be shredded. Cintas will shred mixed office paper, light cardboard and similar materials. They will not shred plastic, compact disks, DVDs or other metal (other than paper clips or staples).

Goodwill Industries will be accepting your donations of gently used clothing, furniture and household items.