

Greenville community groups band together to promote safe drug disposal

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Unused and expired medicines dumped down the drain can pose a danger to area waterways and the creatures that live in them.

So community organizations have banded together to hold another drive-by collection event this month in the Upstate where residents can safely dispose of the drugs to spare the environment.

"Many individuals are unaware of the potential harm that medications can cause in our local waterways through improper disposal methods such as flushing or pouring down the drain," said Stacey Flax, customer service

[and](#) contracts manager for ReWa, or Renewable Water Resources.

"It is important to us at ReWa to have an active role in educating the community on this issue," she added, "and help provide an easy

[and](#) safe solution at Project Rx events."

Called Project Rx: A River Remedy, this spring's

[collection](#) will be on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents can drop off prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, supplements and veterinary medicines as well. While personal information should be removed from the container, the name of the drug should remain visible. Sharps and syringes are not accepted.

Collection sites in Greenville will be located at McAlister Square, 225 South Pleasantburg Drive

[, and](#) St. Francis Millennium, 2 Innovation Drive.

Project Rx is a community collaboration led by Bon Secours St. Francis Health System, Carolinas Institute for Community Policing, the Greenville County Medical Society, Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Greenville Family Partnership, and Renewable Water Resources in partnership with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

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[and](#) Whole Foods Market also support the effort.