

Drug collection takes in 868 pounds

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Nearly 900 pounds of old medications were dropped off by area residents at the latest Project Rx collection.

Project Rx: A River Remedy is designed to keep unused and expired medications out of the region's waterways, where they can potentially affect wildlife and people who drink the water downstream.

At three locations in Greenville County, the drive-through event on Saturday netted 868 pounds of unused prescription medicines, over-the-counter drugs, vitamins and supplements, and veterinary medications, officials said.

And in conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's National [Prescription Drug](#)

Take-Back Day elsewhere around the Upstate, 2,530 pounds of medications were collected.

"Our mission is to [educate](#)

our residents about medication responsibility to ensure they properly dispose of any unwanted prescription or over-the-counter drugs," said Ashley Rhinehart, public relations coordinator for ReWa, or Renewable Water Resources, one of the event sponsors.

"The amount of medication we collected at this year's event demonstrates the importance of offering this public service to our community," she said.

The event is a collaboration between Bon Secours St. Francis [Health](#)

System, Carolinas Institute for Community Policing, the Greenville County Medical Society, the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Greenville Family Partnership, and ReWa.

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