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Eighth Drug Take-Back Day Collects 1,052 lbs. of Medication

Community Collaboration Provides Proper Drug Disposal to the Public

Greenville, S.C. (April 28, 2014) – **Project Rx: A River Remedy** held its eighth bi-annual drug take-back event on Saturday, April 26th for Upstate residents to properly dispose of their unused or unwanted medications.

Project Rx had two sites in Greenville and collected 1,052 lbs of medications. The event was held in partnership with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), offering additional collection sites across the Upstate. All together the different locations collected a total of 1,891 lbs of prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Ashley Rhinehart, public relations coordinator for ReWa stated, “The continued success of Project Rx over the past 4 years is due the support of our partners, volunteers, and the responsible citizens of the Upstate. Making people aware of the potential environmental risk from flushing medications and the danger of leaving unused drugs around the house is our overall goal. Project Rx provides the community with a proper disposal method to protect the local environment and the community long term.”

The mission of Project Rx is to protect Upstate residents and local rivers from potential drug abuse or improper disposal. The Project Rx taskforce is led by community collaboration between Renewable Water Resources (ReWa), Bon Secours St. Francis Health System, Carolinas Institute for Community Policing, Greenville County Medical Society, Greenville County Sheriff’s Office, and Greenville Family Partnership. This ongoing partnership ensures that proper disposal will be a continual effort.

Supporting organizations include Greenville Journal, The Greenville News, Greenville Technical College, Greenville Water, Martin Printing, Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy, Upstate Forever, Keep Greenville County Beautiful, Powdersville Water District and Whole Foods Market. These organizations support Project Rx with financial contributions and in-kind services.

For more information, visit the Project Rx website- www.aRiverRemedy.org, Facebook page- www.facebook.com/ariverremedy or call 864-467-4099.

Project Rx: A River Remedy

Project Rx: A River Remedy is a local collaboration of community organizations united to help keep our rivers and residents safe from unused medications. Founded in 2010, Project Rx pulls together multiple community resources to hold take-back events semi-annually. As a safe alternative to flushing unwanted medications down the drain, or leaving them at home within the reach of the wrong hands, this program allows Upstate residents to bring prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, vitamins and supplements for a FREE and SAFE disposal... the perfect remedy for our community.

Renewable Water Resources (ReWa)

ReWa's goal is to promote a cleaner environment, and to protect the public health and water quality of the Upstate waterways, while providing and developing the necessary sewer infrastructure for the growing economy. ReWa serves more than 400,000 industrial, commercial and residential customers in Greenville County and parts of Anderson, Spartanburg, Pickens and Laurens Counties.

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