

# New locations added for Project Rx medicine collection

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Getting rid of old and unused medicines through Project Rx will be easier than ever this fall because of new drop-off locations around the Upstate.

Project Rx: A River Remedy is held to keep drugs out of the region's waterways where they can be harmful to the environment.

Residents can clear their medicine cabinets of unwanted or expired prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, vitamins and supplements, and veterinary drugs and drop them off at one of seven locations this

month.

Since its inception in 2010, some 10,866 pounds of unwanted drugs - or about the equivalent of four compact cars - has been collected and incinerated as a safe alternative to tossing them down the drain, according to organizers.

"Project Rx has been an important piece in the puzzle of keeping harmful prescription drugs out of our waterways," said Ashley Rhinehart, public relations coordinator for Renewable Water Resources, a sponsor of the event. "It shows what the community can do together to make a difference."

This year's collection will be held on Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following locations in Greenville - McAlister Square, 225 S. Pleasantburg Dr.; St. Francis Millennium campus, 2 Innovation Dr.; and Greenville Memorial Hospital, 701 Grove Rd.

Other locations are Greer Memorial Hospital, 830 S. Buncombe Rd., Greer; Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, 729 South East Main St., Simpsonville; Oconee Medical Campus, 298 Memorial Dr., Seneca; and Laurens County Memorial Hospital, 22725 US-76, Clinton.

The name of the drug should be visible on the label but any personal information should be blacked out. Sharps and syringes are not accepted.

Project Rx 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, Greenville Health System, Greenville Technical College, Renewable Water Resources and Upstate Forever.

Keep Greenville County Beautiful, The Greenville News, Greenville Journal, Martin Printing, and Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy are among the supporting organizations.

To learn more, go to [www.aRiverRemedy.org](http://www.aRiverRemedy.org) (<http://www.ariverremedy.org/>) or call 864-299-4000.

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