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Medicine collection event on April 30

What: Properly dispose of your unwanted medicines at a collection event. There is no charge.

When: Saturday, April 30 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: 6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy, **Brooklyn Center** City Hall –

Details: Medications that can be brought include prescription and over-the-counter medications, vitamins/supplements & pet medications.

Why? Medications in the home have become a problem for a number of reasons:

- Unwanted medications stored at home can lead to poisoning or abuse.
- Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem. Among young people, seven of the top 10 abused substances are pharmaceuticals – many of them taken from the medicine cabinets of family and friends.
- Some 40 percent of teens believe prescription medicines are “much safer” than illegal drugs.
- Medicines flushed down the drain or disposed of in landfills can contaminate bodies of water, harm wildlife and end up in drinking water supplies.

Directions for residents:

- Keep medication in the original package so it can be identified. You can bring someone else’s medications if you’re a family member or caregiver.
- Medicines will be accepted in any form – ampoules, aerosols, blister packs, capsules, creams, cylinders, gels, inhalers, IV bags, liquids, patches, pills, etc.
- Items not accepted: needles or sharps; illicit drugs; or medications from businesses such as health care facilities, pharmacies, doctors’ offices, pharmaceutical sales representatives or veterinary clinics.

Can’t make it to the event, or need more information? Visit www.hennepin.us/medicine or call Hennepin County Environmental Services at 612-348-3777 Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. A recording will provide information after hours.