

# Pharmaceutical Collections for Local Government



# Developing Partnerships



- County & Communities
- Law Enforcement
- Health Departments
- Pharmacists
- Hospitals/Clinics

# Approval



- DEA Approval
- Problems of getting Approval
- Reason for DEA Approval

# Deciding on Collections



- Clean Sweep Events
  - Sites
- Permanent Drug Drop-off Boxes
  - Best Locations
- Why do both?

# Education



- **How do you educate residents**
  - Brochures
  - Newspaper
  - Letters to Health Care Groups
  - Radio/Internet/Facebook
  
- **Who should bring drugs**
  - Residents
  - Group Homes
  - Hospice Care

# Educational Messages



- **Accepted Drugs:**
  - **Unused prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, inhalers, vitamins and veterinary/pet medicines**
  
- **Not Accepted:**
  - **No Sharps/needles, radioactive materials, oxygen tanks or medical equipment**  
**(Check with your local health department, pharmacy or clinic/hospital for sharps disposal)**
  
- **Drug Drop Container Education:**
  - **Keep medicines in original containers. Cross out your name and prescription number. Do not remove the name of the drug because we need that information for proper sorting.**
  - **There is no limit to the amount of drugs that can be brought and no questions will be asked of whoever brings them. All drugs are properly disposed of through the Jefferson County Clean Sweep Program and Sheriff's Office.**
  - **If you have more than 2 or 3 gallon size zip lock bags of medicines, please call the site nearest you or arrange to give it to the Sheriff's Office; use the non emergency phone number: 920-674-7329.**
  - **Filling the container at your visit may be detrimental to the residents who are dropping off one or two bottles because each site checks their containers weekly, but not daily.**
  - **Please be considerate of the sites and Sheriff's Office and Police Departments who are in charge of containers.**

# How are Drugs Handle by Law Enforcement



- Storage
- Separation of Drugs – Controlled/Non Controlled
- Why Sort and who can Sort
- Why are Pharmacists needed
- Disposal
  - Witnessed Burn
  - Who organizes the Witnessed Burn

# Cost of Program



- Where does the money come from
  - Waste Manage-Deer Track Park Landfill Host fees
  - DATCP Pharmaceutical Grant
  - Donations
  
- How much does it cost
  - Advertising \$1,405.03
  - Printing and Supplies \$500.00
  - Disposal
    - Controlled \$4,093.80
    - Non Controlled \$6,833.75
    - **Total Cost \$12,832.58**



# Miscellaneous Information



- Jefferson County has been collecting drugs since 2008
- Total pounds of drugs collected 5,348.50
  - This is just pills with very little packaging
- Sheriff and Jefferson County sent comments to the DEA on the possible new rulings.

# Why do we do collections



- Clean Sweep Recycling Program is an important service to the residents, agricultural community and small businesses of Jefferson County. Clean Sweep offers proper disposal of hazardous waste chemicals and pharmaceuticals, thereby keeping these substances away from our children, teenagers and pets, and out of the surrounding environment and groundwater. The Recycling Program offers proper disposal of electronics and appliances, making sure they are recycled properly and not landfilled. Without these services, the residents of Jefferson County would lose their best avenue for hazardous waste disposal.

# Partnerships



- This program is overseen by the Jefferson County Solid Waste/Air Quality Committee and the Sheriff's Office. We have community partnerships with Waterloo Utilities, City of Watertown Street Department, Town of Ixonia Recycling Transfer Station, City of Jefferson (new), City of Fort Atkinson, City of Lake Mills, City of Whitewater and Walworth County. We are presently working on a partnership with Dodge County.
- We have MOU's with our partners. Upon request a copy will be sent to interested parties. Call 920-674-7430 or email [sharoneh@jeffersoncountywi.gov](mailto:sharoneh@jeffersoncountywi.gov)

# Articles



- [www.sustainablecitynetwork.com](http://www.sustainablecitynetwork.com)

Study: “Streams Stressed by Pharmaceuticals’

- <http://www.wisconsinwatch.org> Studies:  
“Endocrine disruptors, cocaine common in  
Minnesota waters”

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/HealthWaste/Pharm.html>

Additional information from the Wisconsin  
Department of Natural Sources on drugs.

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# Question One



- **How do you do drug collections?**
  - DEA Spring and Fall Collections
  - Wisconsin Clean Sweep Events
  - Permanent Drug Drop Sites
  - Both Clean Sweep & Permanent Sites
  - All Three DEA, Clean Sweep & Permanent Sites
  - None of the above
  - Don't have a program to collect drugs

# Question Two



- How do you pay for disposal?
  - Grants
  - Donations
  - Host Fees
  - Local Government
  - DEA covers cost at Spring & Fall Collections
  - Local Businesses cover cost (Example Hospital/Clinics)
  - No funds available for collections

# Question Three



- How do you dispose of your drugs?
  - DEA Disposal
  - Witnessed Burn
  - Local Law Enforcements Handles Disposal
  - Local Hospital Sends Drugs with their Medical Waste
  - Reverse Distributor Disposes of Drugs
  - Licensed Hazardous Waste Contractor
  - None of the above