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## **WAUKESHA COUNTY TO HOLD PRESCRIPTION DRUG COLLECTION MAY 8, 2010**

WAUKESHA, Wis. – The next Waukesha County prescription drug collection will take place on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The collection, which is the second for the Waukesha County Drug Free Communities Coalition, is an effort to prevent prescription drug abuse and accidental poisonings in Waukesha County as well as help protect local waterways.

Prescription drugs are a gateway for more serious drug use, according to Captain Chuck Wood, Commander of the Waukesha County Metro Drug Unit.

“Many young people turn to pills as a way to get high because they think prescription drugs are safe since they are prescribed by a doctor,” Wood said.

Six sites countywide have been designated for the collection on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Brookfield:** Ruby Isle (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

**Menomonee Falls:** Community Memorial Hospital (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

**Mukwonago:** D.N. Greenwald Center, 240 West Maple Avenue (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

**Oconomowoc:** Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

**Pewaukee:** WCTC (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

**Waukesha:** Waukesha State Bank, Downtown Branch (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

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*“Waukesha County Prescription Drug Collection,” continued ...*

Residents are encouraged to bring their unwanted and unused medications to any one of the six locations on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Prescription medications, over the counter medications, ointments, sprays, inhalers, creams, vials, herbals and pet medications will all be accepted by pharmacists on the day of the event. Residents are asked not to bring biohazardous material and household hazardous waste.

The program is free-of-charge due to a partnership with ProHealth Care and donations from community organizations, businesses and individuals. If you would like to join us in this effort and make a donation to the program, please contact Erin Drout at [edrout@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:edrout@waukeshacounty.gov).

For more information on the Waukesha County collection, including addresses and directions for the locations, Waukesha County residents are encouraged to visit [www.waukeshacounty.gov/drugcollection](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/drugcollection).

For information on neighboring county drug collections visit [www.mmsd.com](http://www.mmsd.com).

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