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WAUKESHA COUNTY TO HOLD PRESCRIPTION DRUG COLLECTION MAY 14, 2011

WAUKESHA, Wis. – The next Waukesha County prescription drug collection will take place on Saturday, May 14th, 2011. The collection, which is the third for the Waukesha County Drug Free Communities (DFC) 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.

“Young people see prescription or over-the-counter drugs as safe because they are manufactured and prescribed by a doctor, Wood said. “In reality they are just as deadly as street drugs when abused.”

Six sites countywide have been designated for the collection on Saturday, May 14th.

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 14th. 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 including DDN/Dohmen, Community Memorial Hospital, Walgreens and Nehs Family Vision Center, and individuals. If you would like to join us in this effort and make a donation to the program, please contact Adam Richter at arichter@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.

The DFC program is a federal effort to reduce youth substance use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. The Coalition represents a number of partnering agencies including schools, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, media, parents, youth, state and local agencies, and civic and volunteer groups.

More information on the Waukesha County Drug Free Communities Coalition can be found on its website: www.waukeshacounty.gov/dfc.

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