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Pickens County Residents Participate in “Pill Take-Back” Day

On Saturday, April 30th, law enforcement agencies within Pickens County hosted a “Pill Take-Back” day at three local drop-off sites. The general public was encouraged to rid their homes of potentially dangerous, unused and unwanted prescription drugs by turning them over to law enforcement officials for proper disposal.

The volume of drugs collected during this initiative exceeded a previous event held in September of 2015 with a total of 235 pounds of various prescriptions and over the counter medications that were turned in at the drop-off sites or collected from the Coroner’s Office or the Sheriff’s Office. An additional “Pill Take-Back” day will be held during the fall months later this year.

Sheriff Rick Clark took office in January of 2013 and since that time, seven events have been held that have accumulated a total of 1,708 lbs of medication that been diverted from Pickens County sewer and water infrastructures.

Sheriff Clark stated...

“I am proud of the collaborative efforts of local law enforcement agencies, the Coroner’s Office and our area health providers in the partnership to educate our citizens within Pickens County of the dangers associated with the improper disposal of these products.

For every pill that we collect, there is one less pill that will be flushed into our water and sewer systems. The environmental impact from these drugs can be potentially devastating to our community without these types of programs”.

I have attached an image of the flyer listing the locations where the drop-off sites were held and the logos of the hosting agencies. The remaining images are of the medications collected during the event.

Results from 2013 to 2016:

April	2016	235lbs
September	2015	175lbs
April	2015	390lbs
September	2014	118lbs
April	2014	298lbs

October	2013	345lbs
April	2013	147lbs

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