

EXPIRED DRUG TOSS SPRING 2010

Catholic Charities Senior Services, ElderCare 4 Families, Kentucky Senior Medicare Patrol, Louisville Metro Police, Louisville Metro Solid Waste, Senior Pharmacy Solutions and TRIAD with the support of ElderCare 4 Families, Home Instead and Right at Home Care Agencies are again teaming up to provide opportunities for Louisville residents to safely dispose of their unused medication products. They are sponsoring three **EXPIRED DRUG TOSS** events in Louisville Metro on **May 20th, 21st, & 22nd**.

Louisville residents are urged to participate in this event to properly dispose of their expired and unused medications

This is Drive-up event and there is no need to leave your vehicle.

Medication products should **NEVER** be flushed down the toilet or drain, burned in the open or thrown in the trash because:

- They can contaminate the environment if they get into the drinking and ground water.
- They may kill bacteria or produce drug resistance bacteria in sewage treatment plants and septic systems if flushed down the drain.
- Burning can release toxic pollutants into the air.
- They can be scavenged from your trash receptacles to be illegally used or sold.
- They can be taken mistakenly and cause serious health problems.

Here are some of the items the Expired Drug Toss organizers are encouraging residents to bring in:

- *Expired or unused medications
- *Bulk or loose tablets and capsules
- * Medications that should have been kept cold but were not

*******Important Changes*******

Items NOT accepted at Drug Toss Events:

*****Due to safety measures, we cannot receive sharps (needles that have been used)*****

- *Used or unused sharps, hypodermic needles & lances
- *Cosmetics, personal care or hygiene items

Due to the volume of drugs brought to our sites, we ask that immediately before bringing your medications to one of our sites, place all tablets and capsules into a zip-lock bag. Vials (with personal information marked out) should be placed into another bag/container. Also, place bottled liquids and tubes of medication into separate bags.

This will help us process everything more quickly.

For the safety of your family, please keep all medications, properly closed in their original child- resistant containers and transfer to bags immediately prior to your visit.

****NO CLINICS, MEDICAL OFFICES or PHARMACIES PLEASE****

We urge residents to black out all personal information on ALL medication containers.

Representatives from Louisville Metro Police and Louisville Metro Solid Waste will be on hand to make sure all products will be safely collected and properly disposed according to EPA standards.

Here are the dates and locations for the three **Expired Drug Toss** events:

Thursday May 20 th 10 am - 2 pm	Friday May 21 st 10 am - 2 pm	Saturday May 22 nd 10 am - 2 pm
Our Mother of Sorrows Church 770 Eastern Pkwy	Family Health Center 2215 Portland Avenue	Belmont Village Senior Living 4600 Bowling Blvd.



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