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Medication collection protects the environment

The Kane County Health Department is encouraging residents to dispose of all their unused, unwanted or expired prescriptions and over the counter medications properly. They will get the chance 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., April 4, at the Aurora Transportation Center, 233 N. Broadway, in Aurora. The collection is being sponsored by FoxFresh, the Medication Take Back Group. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is providing proper disposal. However, the IEPA cannot accept thermometers or sharps.

Each year thousands of tons of pharmaceuticals and personal care products enter the nation's waste stream. Studies by the U.S. Geological Survey have found that many of these pharmaceuticals survive water treatment facilities and make their way into drinking water.

"This is a good opportunity to do some spring cleaning by getting rid of all those old medicines, while protecting the environment by keeping them out of our waters and landfills," said Paul Kuehnert, Executive Director of the Health Department.

Fox Fresh is a community organization whose purpose is to support programs that will help protect our water resources, while also reducing the materials going to local landfills. FoxFresh, in cooperation with the state of Illinois, is supporting medication take-back programs in the areas served by Fox Metro Water Reclamation District.

More information is available online at www.foxfresh.info.

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