

## DRUG TURN-IN EVENT

The Prescription Drug Turn-In Event held May 22<sup>nd</sup> by the Benton County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Philomath Police Department and the Benton County Fairgrounds, was extremely successful. Over 250 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter medications were collected!

The purpose of this "no questions asked" event was to keep unused prescription drugs from being misused and to help keep them out of the water supply.

Taking advantage of community drug take-back programs that collect drugs at a central location for proper disposal is the best way to dispose of your unused or unwanted medications.



However, when these events are not available, follow these Federal Guidelines for the proper disposal of your prescription drugs:

- **DO NOT** flush prescription drugs down the toilet or drain unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs you do to so.
- If a collection program is not available:
  1. Take your prescription drugs out of their original containers.
  2. Mix drugs with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee grounds.
  3. Put the mixture into a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty margarine tub, or into a sealable bag.
  4. Conceal or remove any personal information, including Rx number, on the empty containers by covering it with black permanent marker or duct tape, or by scratching it off.
  5. Place the sealed container with the mixture, and the empty drug containers, in the trash.

For more information: [www.WhiteHouseDrugPolicy.gov](http://www.WhiteHouseDrugPolicy.gov)

NOTE: At this time the Benton County Sheriff's Office is not planning another Drug Take-In Event. However, we are hoping to offer this to citizens on an annual basis. Watch this website for details.