

YELLOW JUG OLD DRUGS PROGRAM[®]

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Yellow Jug Old Drugs Program to Collect Unused/Unwanted Drugs now available State-Wide in Michigan New Pharmacies Recently Added in Central and SW Michigan

Coordinated by Great Lakes Clean Water Organization, a Michigan based Non-Profit, the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program began in May 2009 in Northeast Michigan. The program has progressed very well and is now expanding to provide the service to all communities in Michigan.

Until now when an individual wanted to dispose of unused/ unwanted/expired drugs the only option available in many communities was to flush these substances down the drain or send to a landfill. In Michigan and across the country this has led to an emerging problem of trace amounts of chemicals showing up in our water. The Yellow Jug Old Drugs program is providing a positive solution to help address the issue. Individuals can bring unused/unwanted/expired drugs to participating pharmacies. Collected drugs are then taken to a Covanta Energy Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facility for safe and proper disposal.

The Yellow Jug Old Drugs Program is available at pharmacies across Michigan. New Pharmacies were recently added in Central and Southwest Michigan.

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New Pharmacies:

Mt. Pleasant	Mission Pharmacy
White Cloud	Family Health Care Pharmacy
Grant	Family Health Care Pharmacy
Fruitport	Grover Pharmacy
Grand Haven	Dunewood Pharmacy
Grand Rapids	WoodPointe Pharmacy
	Diplomat Pharmacy
	Walker St. Pharmacy
	Fulton Pharmacy
Delton	Delton Pharmacy
Shelbyville	Weicks Pharmacy
Holland	Paul's Pharmacy
St. Joseph	Van's Pharmacy
Portage	Westlake Pharmacy
Vicksburg	Fred's Pharmacy
Three Rivers	Fred's Pharmacy
	Three Rivers Health Pharmacy
White Pigeon	Village Pharmacy
Bellevue	Fruin Pharmacy
Jonesville	Nash Pharmacy
Hillsdale	Hillsdale Market/Nash Pharmacy
	Nash Pharmacy
Hudson	Hudson Pharmacy
Adrian	Wheelock Pharmacy
	Wheelock Pharmacy North
Stockbridge	Stockbridge Pharmacy
Flint	Genesee County Free Clinic Pharmacy

More pharmacies are being added monthly. A complete list of participating pharmacies is available on the Great Lakes Clean Water website www.greatlakescleanwater.org

Pharmacies interested in participating in the Yellow Jug Old Drugs are encouraged to contact Great Lakes Clean Water for details.

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Chris Angel President of the Volunteer Board of Director for Great Lakes Clean Water states.

“Since founding Great Lakes Clean Water and developing the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program our goal was to provide a comprehensive state-wide approach to safe and proper disposal of unused/unwanted drugs. We are extremely pleased that the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program is being so well received by pharmacies and their customers. Because of that positive response and the support of community-minded pharmacies we are now able to provide this very important service throughout Michigan to help keep all of our water in the Great Lakes region clean.”

Program costs are supported by Covanta Energy, United Water, The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, support from local pharmacies and donations. Companies and Foundations interested in keeping our Great Lakes water clean are encouraged to contact GLCW for sponsorship opportunities to help support the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program

There is no cost for individuals to bring unused/unwanted drugs to a participating pharmacy – donations from individuals to support the program are appreciated -see website for details.

The Yellow Jug Old Drugs program accepts non-controlled drugs only at pharmacies. Participating pharmacies have a complete list of accepted/not accepted items and can help customers with any questions they may have.