



March 12, 2010

News advisory: Medicine take-back event is Saturday

WHAT

Lane County residents can turn in their unwanted, outdated or expired household medicines at two locations in Eugene and Springfield on Saturday, March 13.

WHEN AND WHERE

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Eugene Water & Electric Board, 500 E. Fourth Ave., and at Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth St., Springfield.

WHO

Representatives of several public agencies and law-enforcement agencies will accept any unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter medicines, drugs that are no longer used, medicines from deceased family members, pet medicines, and any unknown tablets or capsules.

Note to editors and reporters: Public agency and law-enforcement officials will be available for interviews at each location.

Local organizers are EWEB; Lane County's Public Health, Emergency Management, Waste Management, Youth Services and Sheriff's departments; the City of Springfield's Public Works and Police departments; the Springfield Utility Board; and the City of Eugene's Police and Public Works departments. The Oregon Medical Association Alliance, Community Action to Reduce Substance Abuse (CARSA) and the Oregon Partnership are statewide sponsors.

WHY

The Lane County event is part of a statewide effort aimed at reducing the risk of household medicines being misused, abused, accidentally consumed by children, or improperly disposed in a manner that threatens water quality. More than two dozen other Oregon cities are holding similar events March 13.

For more information on the day of the event:

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