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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND MEDICINE COLLECTION EVENT ON SATURDAY

Do you have unused or expired prescription medications but not sure what to do with them? These should never be poured down the drain or flushed in the toilet. They should not be left where people or pets might get to them. The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program (HHW) and the Pima County Sheriff's Department are sponsoring a medicine collection event along with the monthly HHW collection on Saturday, May 4, 2013, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Prescription and over-the-counter tablets, capsules, liquids, and creams will be collected. Metal or glass inhalation bottles, syringes, and epi-pens will not be accepted. For safety and confidentiality reasons, any items turned over for collection cannot be returned. We do not accept drugs from commercial organizations. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. The event will be held at:

Eastside Service Center
7575 E. Speedway Blvd.
(To access the collection site, please turn north on Prudence Rd. and follow the signs)

In addition to old medicines, residents may also bring other household chemicals for collection. Accepted materials include: Automotive fluids, auto and rechargeable batteries from electronics equipment, toxic cleaning products, fluorescent lamps, paints, solvents, and lawn and garden products. Computer equipment and televisions will be accepted by Rise, Inc. for a fee.

The program only accepts materials generated in homes—no commercially generated materials are accepted. More information is available on-line at www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw, calling ES Customer Service at 791-3171 or downloading the 'my-waste' App for smart phones.

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The HHW Program is jointly sponsored by the City of Tucson and Pima County. Materials collected are reused, recycled or disposed of so that they do not impact the environment. Approximately 98% of materials collected are reused or recycled!