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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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Drop Off Meds and Get Free Fertilizer

City of Milwaukee residents should take advantage of a special offer that will bring free Milorganite® to the first 1,200 Milwaukee County residents who drop off unused prescriptions at the medicine collection day this Saturday (April 30) outside Miller Park.

Alderman Jim Bohl, a strong supporter of the popular medicine collection day, said residents should never flush medicines down the toilet. "Bring your unused medications to Saturday's collection event and help keep these medicines from being improperly abused and from getting into our rivers and Lake Michigan," he said.

For Milwaukee County residents ONLY, the collection will be near Miller Park in the Miller Lot parking area near the "Sausage Haus" from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** on Saturday. The first 1,200 Milwaukee County residents turning in unused medicines will receive a free five pound bag of Milorganite® fertilizer.

Residents should never flush or pour unused medicine down the drain. Water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all of them. Instead, bring old drugs and over-the-counter medications to medicine collection day and help:

- Keep pills out of the hands of drug abusers
- Protect Lake Michigan
- Prevent childhood poisonings

A medicine collection day event in 2010 cleared **more than four tons** of unused meds out of homes, keeping dangerous pills off the streets and out of the hands of people who abuse drugs.

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Medicine Collection Day/ADD ONE

Studies show that the majority of abused prescription drugs are taken from medicine cabinets at home or from family and friends.

You can bring: prescription and over-the-counter medication, ointments, sprays, inhalers, creams, vials, and pet medications.

Do not bring: Illegal drugs, biohazard materials, needles/sharps, personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc), and household hazardous waste.

You MAY cross off your name and address, but DO NOT cover up or remove the name of the medicine.

The event is made possible by the City of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, the Milwaukee Police Department, Aurora Pharmacy, Miller Park (Stadium District), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Please visit www.mmsd.com for more information.

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