



## Jackson County Health Department

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### **EVENT FOR MEDICATION DISPOSAL & DOCUMENT SHREDDING**

Murphysboro, IL – On Saturday, April 14, 2018 Jackson County Health Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Office invite area residents to participate in a drug take-back and confidential document shredding from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. This event will be held at Jackson County Health Department, 415 Health Department Road, Murphysboro.

Jackson County Sheriff's Office will be on-site to provide for safe and secure disposal of medications. Participants will be able to drop-off prescription and over-the-counter medications (pills, creams, and patches) for disposal. Items NOT accepted include liquids, needles, and inhalers. This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Proper disposal of medications through this event reduces environmental and health hazards and increases safety in the home.

DataLock Document Management Services of Mt. Vernon will be on-site with a mobile shredder to provide document shredding. Examples of paper items that residents can bring for shredding include bank statements, medical and insurance forms, personal files, old tax forms, and receipts. Paper clips and staples are acceptable, but binders and binder clips should be removed. Proper management of such documents helps prevent identity theft.

This is a rain-or-shine event. Items from businesses, schools, governments, and other large generators will not be accepted. Assistance will be available to those needing help removing items from their vehicle. The event is sponsored by Jackson County Health Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, the Jackson County Board, and DataLock. For event information call 618-3143, ext. 128 or [www.recyclejacksoncounty.org](http://www.recyclejacksoncounty.org).

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