

Jackson County Health Department

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EVENT FOR MEDICATION DISPOSAL, DOCUMENT SHREDDING & FLU SHOTS

Murphysboro, IL – On Saturday, November 4, 2017 Jackson County Health Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Office invite area residents to participate in a drug take-back, confidential document shredding and flu clinic event 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.

Flu shots and colorectal cancer screening kits will also be available in the front building. No appointment is necessary and curbside service is available. Most insurances are accepted. For more information on flu shots contact 618-684-3143, ext. 150.

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.

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SHRED AND MED DISPOSAL DAY

FREE & CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT SHREDDING

FREE & SAFE DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MEDICATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

8 A.M.— 12 P.M.

JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

415 Health Department Road, Murphysboro IL

DOCUMENTS ACCEPTED:

- Confidential documents (old tax returns, receipts, insurance papers, etc.) for on-site shredding.
- Paper clips & staples do not need to be removed, but please remove any binder clips.



MEDICATION ACCEPTED:

- Prescriptions & Over-the-Counter Medications (Pills, Creams, and Patches)

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Liquids
- Needles
- Inhalers



THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL AREA RESIDENTS. NO BUSINESSES.

QUESTIONS?? RECYCLEJACKSONCOUNTY.ORG OR CALL 618-684-3143, EXT. 128.

"Fight the Flu" - Flu shots will also be available in the front building!

For more information on flu shots, call 618-684-3143, ext. 150

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