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BROWN DEER
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NEWS RELEASE

Brown Deer Police Department to accept expired, unwanted medications from Village of Brown Deer Residents.

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The Brown Deer Police Department recognizes that the abuse of pharmaceuticals is a serious health and social problem. The Brown Deer Police Department also recognizes that improper disposal of medications is a threat to our environment.

Our children today are experimenting with prescription drugs that can cause death. The Brown Deer Police Department must frequently deal with the results of drug abuse. The department recognizes that the diversion of pharmaceuticals has become a significant problem. The medicine collection program is one strategy we use to help fight the war on illegal drugs. We are committed to reducing both the supply and demand side of the problem. Please help us help the children.

Expired, unwanted medications can be turned into the Brown Deer Police Department by **Village of Brown Deer residents** starting January 4, 2010. Medication should be kept in the original package or bottle. Name and addresses can be crossed off the bottle, but do not cover up or remove the name of the medicine.

ACCEPTED MEDICATIONS: Prescription and over the counter medications, ointment, sprays, inhalers, creams, vials and pet medications.

NOT ACCEPTED: Illegal drugs, needles/sharps, bio-hazardous material (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc.), household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas).

We are working in conjunction with MMSD to provide safer water. MMSD wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove all medicines from wastewater. Drugs can end up filtering through the plants and directly into our rivers and lakes. Various levels of antibiotics, antidepressants, veterinary drugs, birth control hormones and other drugs have been detected in waterways across the United States. Research suggests that hormones found in pharmaceuticals may cause abnormalities in the reproductive cycles of fish. Antibiotics in the environment may also contribute to the development of drug resistant germs. As a community we need to keep prescription drugs out of the hands of our children and water systems of the state.

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Prevent Childhood Poisonings
Reduce Substance Abuse