

Tillamook County Solid Waste

For more information about recycling or hazardous waste disposal:

Call (503) 815-3975 or email us at recycle@co.tillamook.or.us or visit our website at www.co.tillamook.or.us/solid-waste

October Focus: Drugs and Sharps

As the rains arrive, it's easy to realize how closely we interact with water. This time of year, and for the next several months, it will seem as though we have an abundance of water – as the grass again turns green and we walk through puddles on a daily basis.

As a community that deals with a lot of water each year, we place a special value on the cleanliness of that water. We admire the hues of blue and green as fresh rainwater interacts with saltwater in the bay, each day presenting us with different portraits of coastal livina.

It may be for that reason that Tillamook County res-

idents drop off unused prescription and overthe-counter drugs through proper channels. rather than flushing them down the toilet, which they eventually make it into the water where our salmon

swim. Fortunately, those "proper channels" are becoming more and more convenient. In addition to secure drop off sites at the Sheriff's Office and several police stations, you can now find secure drug drop off kiosks at most local pharmacies, where you can drop off unused drugs while waiting for your prescription to be filled. Several city halls and fire stations also have mailback envelopes available for the public to obtain and use.

On the last Saturday in October we will again be hosting a collection event at the Fairgrounds, where you will be able to drop off unused drugs, as well as sharps (needles,

Awareness! SAFE USE, SAFE STORAGE, SAFE DISPOSAL KEEP OUT OF REACH





CHECK EXPIRATION

DON'T FLUSH

SAFELY DISPOSE

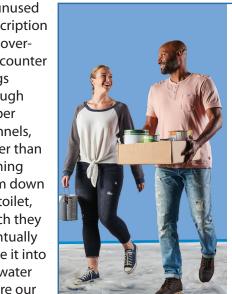
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syringes). The sharps must be in a hard, red plastic sharps container, but you can drop off one or more containers with our staff on that day – at no charge.

Thank you for doing the right thing, and disposing of your unused drugs and sharps in a safe, secure, proper manner!

David McCall

Solid Waste Program Manager



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There are over 180 PaintCare sites in Oregon where households and businesses can recycle or dispose of unwanted paint, stain, and varnish all year round, including these sites in Tillamook County:

True Value

34995 River Ave (503) 965-6295

Manzanita Transfer Station 34995 Necarney City Rd

Manzanita (503) 368-7764

Tillamook County HHW

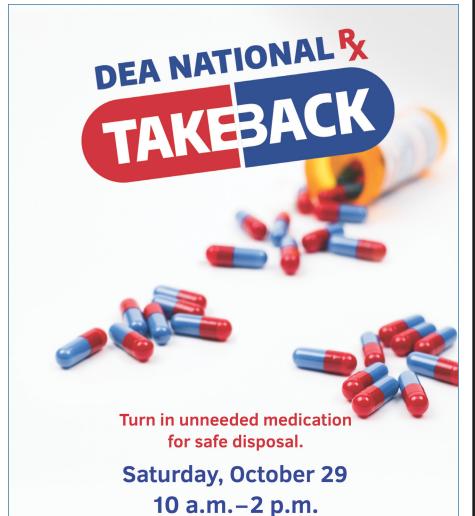
1315 Ekloff Rd Tillamook (503) 815-3975

on this date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/solid-waste

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