



Dutchess County Department of Health Public Health Advisory*

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"OPERATION PILL PURGE"

April 20, 2011

Please Distribute to : Healthcare Providers, Schools, Daycare facilities

- ◇ **Unused or expired medications can be disposed of safely at specific locations, dates, and times throughout the County between April 23rd and June 25th, 2011.**
- ◇ **Call the Health Department at 845-486-3421 for more information.**

County residents will be able to safely dispose of unused or expired medications at specified locations and dates between 4/23 and 6/25/2011 as part of "Operation Pill Purge."

"Unless drugs are properly disposed of, the potential exists for misuse, abuse, use by unauthorized persons, and accidental ingestion by children and pets. The environmental impact of improper drug disposal is also of concern, given the risk of contamination of our water supply" said Dr. Kari Reiber, Dutchess County Medical Examiner.

Dr. Michael C. Caldwell, Commissioner of Health states that according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2004, 95% of unintentional and undetermined poisoning deaths were caused by drugs.

The Department of Health encourages you to advise your staff and clients, patients and parents, to take advantage of these events, to dispose of their unused or expired medications to help minimize the effects to our residents, pets, and environment.

Attached to this advisory, is the listing of all the specific locations (by region), dates and times that medications can be dropped off.

For more information contact the Health Department at 845-486-3421.

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Northern Dutchess County

Saturday April 23:

Red Hook Fire Department
42 Firehouse Lane, Red Hook, **9 am-11 am**
Pine Plains Fire Department
7 Lake Road, Pine Plains, **12 noon-2 pm**

Saturday April 30:

Hyde Park Fire Department
4306 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, **9 am-11 am**
Pleasant Valley Fire Station #1
1619 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, **12 noon-2 pm**

Saturday June 25:

Stanford Fire Department
Rt 82, Stanfordville, **9am-11am**
West Clinton Fire Station #1
219 Hollow Rd, Staatsburg, **12 noon-2 pm**

Southern Dutchess County

Saturday May 21:

Fishkill Fire Department Co. #1
1132 Main Street, Fishkill, **9 am-11 am**
New Hackensack Fire Department
217 Myers Cors. Rd., Wapp. Falls, **12 noon-2 pm**

Saturday, June 4:

Arlington Fire Department Station #3
Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie, **9 am – 11 am**
City of Poughkeepsie Fire
Hooker Ave Station **12 noon – 2 pm**

Eastern Dutchess County

Saturday June 11:

Millerton Fire Department
24 Century Boulevard, Millerton, **9 am-11 am**
Amenia Fire Department
36 Mechanic Street, Amenia, **12 noon-2 pm**

Saturday June 18:

Dover J.H. Ketcham Hose Co., Station #1
Rt.22, Dover Plains, **9 am-11 am**
Millbrook Fire Department
20 Front St, Millbrook, **12 noon-2 pm**