



To Flush or Not to Flush...

These were the instructions given to children in Comic books back in the 60's. Sadly this information is still being suggested by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a proper way to dispose of 21 types of medicines to prevent accidental ingestion by children or pets, but what mechanism is holding the public responsible to the list and stopping them from flushing all their unused medications, including Hormones, Antibiotics, over the counter Pain Medications, etc.?

What is the problem with disposing of your medicines in this way?

Although, minimal harmful effects to human health have been attributed from these medicines in the environment, recent discoveries of pharmaceutically polluted waters and abnormal fish are raising fears that our abundant use of drugs may be harming the ecosystem in unforeseen ways.

Is Flushing the only way these medicines are getting into the environment?

No, when we swallow medicines anything our body cannot use is released and makes its way to our septic or wastewater systems. Any drug making its way through these systems can greatly increase the concentrations in the environment when these drugs are dumped down the drain at full strength. Septic Systems and Wastewater Systems are not able to treat and remove these pharmaceuticals and therefore they are being released back into the surface waters, which seep down to the groundwater and into our drinking water.

Local Drop Locations:

Wa kulla County Sheriff's Office

15 Oak Street

Crawfordville, FL 32327

(850) 745-7110

Saturday

September 26th

10 a m – 2 pm

Wa kulla County Public Works

340 Trice Lane

Crawfordville, FL 32327

(850) 926-7616

Saturday

October 24th

9 a m – 1 pm