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## **Yellow Jug Old Drugs Program Now in 24 Pharmacies in Every County in Northeast Michigan**

Coordinated by Great Lakes Clean Water Organization, a non profit organization, the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program began in May 2009 as a pilot program. The program is now available at 24 pharmacies in 19 communities in Northeast Michigan.

Up until recently when a person wanted to dispose of unused/ unwanted/expired drugs the only option available to them was to flush down the drain or send to a landfill. In Michigan and across the country this has led to an emerging problem of trace amounts of chemicals showing up in our drinking water, ground water, rivers, streams and lakes.

The Yellow Jug Old Drugs program is providing a solution to help keep our water clean. Individuals can bring unused/unwanted/expired drugs to participating pharmacies for proper, safe disposal. There is no cost for individuals for the service. The program costs are supported by a grant from United Water, a grant from The Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan and support from local pharmacies.

Chris Angel, President, Volunteer Board of Directors for Great Lakes Clean Water Organization states, "The response to the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program has been very positive. Pharmacists are reporting that customers are very pleased that they are now offering this service. Everybody agrees it just makes good sense to keep drugs out of our water."

Angel adds, "Our priority thus far has been to provide the Yellow Jug Old Drug program to every county in Northeast Michigan and to have at least one participating pharmacy in every community where there is a pharmacy in the region. Having met that goal our focus is to make more people aware of the importance of utilizing the Yellow Jug program rather than flushing drugs.

Additionally, we are working to secure additional program sponsors and funding to be able to provide the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program to more communities throughout Michigan. There has been a lot of interest in our program across the state.”

For more information on the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program go to [www.greatlakescleanwater.org](http://www.greatlakescleanwater.org) or call 989-736-8179

## **Yellow Jug Old Drugs Participating Pharmacies**

<b>Alpena</b>	<b>Neiman's Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-356-2191</b>
	<b>The Drug Store</b>	<b>989-354-2171</b>
	<b>The Medicine Shoppe</b>	<b>989-356-6106</b>
	<b>Lefave Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-354-3189</b>
<b>Atlanta</b>	<b>Thunder Bay Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-785-5535</b>
<b>Cheboygan</b>	<b>Modern Pharmacy</b>	<b>231-627-9949</b>
<b>Gaylord</b>	<b>Glen's Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-732-4114</b>
<b>Grayling</b>	<b>Medicine Shoppe</b>	<b>989-348-2000</b>
<b>Hillman</b>	<b>Hillman Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-742-3527</b>
<b>Houghton Lake</b>	<b>Kronners Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-366-7611</b>
<b>Indian River</b>	<b>Village Pharmacy</b>	<b>231-238-8911</b>
<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>Lincoln Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-736-8138</b>
<b>Oscoda</b>	<b>Gilbert's Drug Store</b>	<b>989 739-7585</b>
<b>Onaway</b>	<b>Thundar Bay Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-733-7037</b>
<b>Mio</b>	<b>Pioneer Family Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-826-8989</b>
<b>Pinconning</b>	<b>Pinny Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-879-7705</b>
<b>Roscommon</b>	<b>Pioneer Family Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-275-5600</b>
<b>Rogers City</b>	<b>McLean Pharmacy</b>	<b>989734-4701</b>
<b>Saint Helen</b>	<b>Pioneer Family Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-389-7252</b>
<b>Standish</b>	<b>Standish Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-846-0411</b>
	<b>Pamida Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-846-0749</b>
	<b>Sav-Mor Drugs</b>	<b>989-362-3311</b>
<b>Tawas</b>	<b>The Medicine Shoppe</b>	<b>989-362-7415</b>
	<b>Pioneer Family Pharmacy</b>	<b>989-345-5610</b>
<b>West Branch</b>		