

# **YELLOW JUG OLD DRUGS PROGRAM<sup>®</sup>**

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## **Yellow Jug Old Drugs<sup>®</sup> Program to Collect Unused/Unwanted Drugs Available in Pharmacies Across Michigan Expanding to Wisconsin and Illinois**

Coordinated by Great Lakes Clean Water Organization, a Michigan based Non-Profit, the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program began in May 2009 in Northeast Michigan. Currently there are 220 participating pharmacies in Michigan. The program has been highly successful and in 2012 will be expanding to provide the service to pharmacies in Wisconsin and Illinois.

Until now when an individual wanted to dispose of unused/ unwanted/expired drugs the only option available in many communities was to flush these substances down the drain or send to a landfill. This has led to an emerging problem of trace amounts of chemicals showing up in our water. The Yellow Jug Old Drugs program is providing a positive solution to help address the issue. Individuals can bring unused/unwanted/expired drugs to participating pharmacies. Collected drugs are then taken to a Waste to Energy facility for safe and proper disposal.

A complete list of participating pharmacies is available on the Great Lakes Clean Water website [www.greatlakescleanwater.org](http://www.greatlakescleanwater.org) Pharmacies interested in participating in the Yellow Jug Old Drugs are encouraged to contact Great Lakes Clean Water for details.

The Yellow Jug Old Drugs program accepts non-controlled drugs only at pharmacies. Participating pharmacies have a complete list of accepted/not accepted items and can help customers with any questions they may have.

Program support in Michigan has been provided by local pharmacies, United Water, Consumers Energy Foundation, Detroit Renewable Power, SSCENT, Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force, Missaukee County Soil Conservation District and Ten Sixteen Recovery Network. Companies and Foundations interested in keeping our Great Lakes water clean are encouraged to contact GLCW for sponsorship opportunities to help support the Yellow Jug Old Drugs<sup>®</sup> program.

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