



## How to Properly Dispose of.....

### Household Hazardous Waste:

Marquette County 249-4108

9 am to 1 pm May through October

West End Transfer Station – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

Marquette Service Center – Saturdays-- none on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat

Delta County

Drop off 8 am to 3 pm daily Fee charged

Chippewa County Recycling Center

3 times a year: May 17, July 19, Sept 20

Drop off by appointment only (appointments can be made up to two weeks before each collection) 632-0525

### Electronic Waste:

Goodwill – Marquette, Escanaba, Iron Mountain, Calumet, and Houghton

No charge for computers

No TV more than 10 years old and NO console TVs

Staples – Escanaba

Computers and components \$10 per item

Drop off for cell phones, PDAs, charges, etc. no charge

Star Industries – Harvey

Computers Fee 50 cents per pound for monitors,

Other parts/components 30 cents per pound

TVs 50 cents per pound

Wood Island Waste Management, Inc. 387-2646

Wetmore, MI (Alger County) personal size electronics FEE

TVs--FEE

### Pharmaceuticals:

The Superior Watershed Partnership is working with various partners to establish a permanent drop-off program for pharmaceuticals in the City of Marquette. The SWP is also seeking funding to do another UP-wide collection effort.

In the meantime the following guidelines should be used when disposing of old and unwanted medications:

1. **DO NOT FLUSH** unused medications. Consumers were once advised to flush their expired or unused medications; however, recent environmental impact studies report that this could be having an adverse impact on the environment.

2. When tossing unused medications, protect children and pets from the potentially negative effects. American Pharmacists Association (APhA) recommends that consumers:

- Crush solid medications or dissolve them in water (this applies for liquid medications as well) and mix with kitty litter or sawdust (or any material that absorbs the dissolved medication and makes it less appealing for pets or children to eat), then place in a sealed plastic bag BEFORE tossing in the trash.

- Remove and destroy ALL identifying personal information (prescription label) from the medication container.

3. Talk To Your Pharmacist. Research shows that pharmacists are one of the most accessible healthcare professionals. As the medication experts on the healthcare team, pharmacists are available to guide you on how to properly dispose of your unused medications.

Following these simple steps can help protect your family and community, minimize a potential negative impact on the environment, and prevent the illegal diversion of unused medications.