



TO: Lead Pharmacist/Owner Please direct to the appropriate person.

When pharmacies partner with the Yellow Jug Old Drugs Program together we educate even more people about the importance of secure and responsible drug disposal, helping to keep our water clean and our communities safe.

The not-for-profit agency Great Lakes Clean Water Organization, created and initiated the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program in 2008. The Yellow Jug Old Drugs program was designed to encourage individuals to properly dispose of Rx-Waste rather than flushing unused medications down the drain. The program was instituted in response to trace amounts of medications being found in municipal water systems and surface and ground water systems across the country. Proper disposal of Rx-Waste helps keeps our drinking water, lakes, rivers and streams clean, keeps our kids safe and makes our communities a better place to live.

Recently the Yellow Jug Old Drugs Program received a **\$30,000 grant from Eli Lilly and Companies** to support the participation of up to 100 Indiana pharmacies in the Yellow Jug Old Drug collection program. This grant is viewed as pivotal as Eli Lilly and Companies is the first pharmaceutical company in the U.S. to provide financial support for any drug collection program.

This is an ideal time for Indiana pharmacies to participate in the Yellow Jug Old Drugs Program:

- Funding from Eli Lilly will cover the program cost (\$300.00) for one year. Pharmacies have the option to collect controlled substances in addition to non-controlled. To collect controlled substances, pharmacies are required by the DEA to have a Lockable Container. Lockable Container is provided by Yellow Jug Old Drugs. Pharmacies are responsible for the one-time \$150.00 deposit for the container.
- Pharmacies that participate often see an increase in customer traffic from customers visiting their store to drop off unused/unwanted medications
- Great Lakes Clean Water/US Clean Water Org received licensure from DEA in March 2015 to be a Reverse Distributor to allow collection of Controlled Substances. GLCW/USCW the only Reverse Distributor, of the 27 in the country that is a non-profit organization.
- When you partner with us, together we educate even more people about the importance of proper drug waste disposal helping to keep our water clean and our communities safe. Go to www.GreatLakesCleanwater.org <http://www.USCleanWater.org> for more info and a map of participating locations

To apply for the one year funding pharmacies must complete [\(Registration Form click here\)](#) Funding decisions will be based primarily on a first come first serve basis. To provide this important program to as many Indiana residents as possible, consideration will also be given to geographic areas currently underserved by Rx-Waste Collection.

Attorney General Greg Zoeller, on behalf of the [Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force](#), urges any Indiana pharmacy that does not currently operate a drug disposal program to contact Yellow Jug Old Drugs and be among the pharmacies to utilize the new Lilly grant.