

## *What to do with those old prescriptions...*

*Don't flush them down the toilet!*

Prescription medications should never be flushed as they upset or possibly even kill the bacteria that process the wastewater at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Try contacting the dispensing pharmacy to see if it will take back what remains of the prescription. If the pharmacy won't take it back, it's up to you to safely dispose of prescriptions. A "how to" is listed below.

**Pills:** Keep pills in the original container, remove labels (especially name and prescription number) and destroy. Then, pour glue (i.e. Elmer's school glue) over the pills in the container. Let it harden to a solid, put the lid on the container and throw it in the regular trash.

**Liquids:** Pour in a plastic bag. Add flour and mix to a very stiff paste. Allow to air dry and harden in the bag. When completely solid, zip closed and throw in the regular trash.