

You WOULDN'T do this ...



Hormone medications, antidepressants, antibiotics, and personal care products are found in waterways nationwide, a recent report from the U.S. Geological Survey concludes. Potential impacts from these products are being studied worldwide.

Even though water used in your home is treated before it's discharged to the Bay, modern treatment facilities are not designed to remove medications. You can minimize impacts by simply disposing of your unwanted or expired medication with other hazardous wastes at the City of Palo Alto's Household Hazardous Waste Events usually held on the first Saturday of the month (unless there is a holiday) and on occasional Fridays.

Dispose of expired medications at Household Hazardous Waste Events—never flush unwanted medication down the toilet or sink!

... so please DON'T do this!



For more information about emerging contaminants in waterways, see <http://toxics.usgs.gov/regional/emc.html>; call (650) 494-7629, or email, cleanbay@cityofpaloalto.org

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Upcoming 2004 Household Hazardous Waste Events

Saturday Events
(9am–noon)

May 1
June 5
July 3

Location: Household Hazardous Waste Events are held at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant, 2501 Embarcadero Way across from the golf course. In addition to medications, paint, pesticides, fluorescent lights, cleaning products, fuels, solvents, aerosols, and pool chemicals are also accepted.

Call (650) 496-6980 or visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/hazwaste for more information.



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