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KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Medication Turn-in Program

Kootenai County law enforcement agencies have agreed to support a countywide "Medication Turn-in Program." As part of this program, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department, Coeur d'Alene City Police Department, Post Falls Police Department, Rathdrum Police Department and Idaho State Police have teamed together to help prevent pollution and dispose of medicines safely.

Kootenai County residents will be able to bring any medications to the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department Main Lobby between 10:00 – 3:00 Monday through Friday (excluding Holidays) so they can be safely disposed of. Medication turned in will be safely destroyed through an incineration process coordinated by Idaho State Police.

Effective Monday, January 26, 2009, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department will start accepting prescription and/or over the counter drugs that citizens wish to dispose of. Please see attached brochure.

Larger, coordinated medication turn-ins will be conducted throughout the year as part of special events, such as "shredder days." Our first 'shredder day' will be held on April 15, 2009. Details of that event will be released as planning continues.

For the most part, we anticipate receiving outdated or unused prescription medications through this turn-in program. Medications can be dropped off without providing any personal information, so anonymity can provide an opportunity for a person to discard medications they might be in possession of illegally.

We will not accept:

1. Medical waste
2. Hazardous materials
3. Needles of any kind

If you have any questions about Kootenai County Sheriff's Department's involvement with this program, please contact Lt. Kim Edmondson. Please contact other area agencies regarding specific details of their own program, as turn in methods, times and days may differ. Public information pamphlets describing the county-wide program are available in the lobby of the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department.

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