WHY YOU SHOULDN’T KEEP UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

POISONING RISKS
Children or pets may be accidentally poisoned by swallowing medicine.

MEDICATION SHELF-LIFE
Some medications degrade over time and some can become ineffective or even harmful.

DANGERS OF SELF-MEDICATING
Using someone else’s medicine or your own unused medicine may hide symptoms and possibly delay treatment of a serious medical problem.

AVAILABILITY
More than 50% of people who misuse opioid pain relievers obtain them from family or friends without permission.

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS
Prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications accounted for 94% of emergency room visits related to suicide attempts in 2009.

DON’T FLUSH
These drugs enter our streams, rivers and lakes harming wildlife and the environment.

SAFELY DISPOSE OF YOUR LEFTOVER DRUGS

Take back programs and events allow the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal. Visit your local Police department or Pharmacy to drop off your unused medications today.

If your community does not offer a drug take back program, you can Visit NSC.ORG/DISPOSALRESOURCES to learn how to safely dispose of unused medications.