

# IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION TO SHARE ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARDS IN OUR HOMES AND IN OUR WATER

## Pharmaceuticals—Pesticides—Personal Care Products

### Implications for our Lives

#### Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products

- Are showing up in our water supplies and cannot be removed with current treatment processes.
- They disrupt human & animal hormones.
- They produce antibiotic resistant pathogens.
- They destroy useful waste water flora.
- Other effects are unknown because too little research has been completed. They've only recently been identified as pollutants.



#### Pesticides

- Important for modern farming and home use.
- Easily absorbed through skin or inhaled
- They cause acute & chronic health problems.



#### What can we do?

- DON'T FLUSH pharmaceuticals. Wrap tightly and place them in the trash.
- DON'T PUT PESTICIDES IN THE TRASH. Take or send them to your Regional Collection Center (RCC) for disposal.
- Get rid of unused hazardous products and containers from your homes.
- Only use products as intended.
- Do not purchase more than you need.
- Use natural based products when available.
- Wash produce thoroughly before eating.

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