



# Staff Report

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**Agenda Item:** Proclamation Declaring September 27, 2008 as Dump the Prescription Drugs Day – Approval of a proclamation from MATForce declaring September 27, 2008 as “Dump the Prescription Drugs Day.”

**Sponsored By:** Councilmember Richard Dehnert

**Staff Contact:** Deputy Town Clerk Walt Good

**Meeting Date:** September 23, 2008

**Background:** MATForce is providing an opportunity for the community to dispose of their old unused prescription drugs. This benefits the Town in several ways including the medicine not getting into the Town’s ground water supply. It will also keep drugs out of the hands of those who they were not intended for.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the proclamation declaring September 27, 2008 as “Dump the Prescription Drugs Day.”

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Declaring September 27, 2008 as:**

**"Dump the Prescription Drugs Day"**

**WHEREAS**, few citizens of the Town of Clarkdale are unaffected by substance abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, substance abuse is directly associated with crimes against persons and property, domestic violence, physical illness, child abuse, driving while impaired and drug-related vehicular collisions; and

**WHEREAS**, prescription drug abuse is on the rise among Arizona's youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the resources and capacity of the courts and detention system, hospital emergency rooms and providers of behavioral health services are severely affected by prescription drug abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, drug abuse has shown to cause pollution of lakes and ground water supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clarkdale has united against drug and alcohol abuse to be a partner with MATForce, the Yavapai County Substance Abuse Coalition; and

**WHEREAS**, MATForce views substance abuse as a community problem that is best addressed through a variety of strategies that bring together education, treatment and criminal justice resources in a coordinated, individualized approach; and

**WHEREAS**, MATForce has declared September 27, 2008, as "Dump the Prescription Drugs Day" to heighten public awareness of the dangers of prescription drug abuse and to allow for the anonymous disposal of dangerous prescription drugs.

**THEREFORE**, the Town of Clarkdale proclaims September 27, 2008 as, "Dump the Prescription Drugs Day".

**DATED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2008.

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**Doug Von Gausig, Mayor**  
**Town of Clarkdale**

# DUMP THE DRUGS DAY!!

Safely dispose of your unused prescription  
or over the counter medication on

Saturday,  
September 27, 2008

At Verde River Days Celebration

Dead Horse State Park in Cottonwood

Bring your medication to the Entertainment Stage

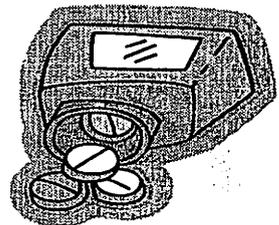
8:00 am - 3:00 pm



Did you know that one in every five teenagers has abused prescription drugs?

Did you know that unused medications flushed down  
your toilet wind up in our lakes, rivers and ground water?

We encourage you to clean out your medicine cabinet and  
bring your expired or unused medication to us for proper  
disposal by Cottonwood Police Department. Confidentiality  
will be maintained; information about substance  
abuse will be available.



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