

# Lloyd Magothy Water Trust, Inc.

(a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation)

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## Operation Big Red Med Disposal Box

Operation Big Red Med Disposal Box is an initiative of the Lloyd Magothy Water Trust, Inc., a not-for-profit which has a dual mission:

- [1] to help keep medications out of our drinking water, and
- [2] to help prevent prescription drug abuse.

To accomplish our mission we are placing pharmaceutical collection receptacles in retail pharmacies. Retail pharmacies are the most logical locations for people to responsibly dispose of their unwanted or expired medications. The Big Red Med Disposal Box was designed by Thomas McAbee (Executive Director of the Lloyd Magothy Water Trust). The box was named the “Big Red Med Disposal Box” by the Chairman of the Board of the Lloyd Magothy Water Trust, pharmacist Bob Grisnik. The box meets the specifications required by the Drug Enforcement Administration.



**ENVIRONMENTAL:** Pharmaceuticals have been detected in drinking water, ground water, surface waters, and coastal waters.

**SOCIETAL:** The White House and the Center for Disease Control have declared prescription drug abuse a national epidemic.



Operation Big Red Med Disposal Box solves a disposal dilemma: rather than flush unwanted medications down toilets or toss them in the trash, people can rid their medicine cabinets of unwanted medications simply by bringing the medications to a participating pharmacy and depositing them into a Big Red Med Disposal Box.

As of December 24, 2015, the Lloyd Magothy Water Trust has placed sixteen boxes. We currently have orders for several more that are awaiting sponsorships. We are grateful to our existing generous sponsors which include Southampton Hospital, Rotary, Lions, Southampton Business Alliance, Drinking Water Research Foundation, and private individuals and businesses. We need your support. **Please consider making a donation to the Lloyd Magothy Water Trust.**

Operation Big Red Med Disposal Box creates an environmental benefit (i.e., protecting water quality) and a societal benefit (i.e., preventing prescription drug abuse and accidental poisoning of children). More than 70% of teens who abused prescription medications, got prescription medications from their family’s household medicine cabinet, **not from a drug dealer.**

cause of death	deaths per year	deaths per day
traffic accidents	32,000	88
<b>illegal</b> drug over-dose	16,000	40
<b>prescription</b> drug over-dose	20,000	60

In addition to creating an actual functioning system to responsibly dispose of unwanted medications, our initiative will promote the safe storage of medications in the home and provide education about responsible medication disposal. Thank you.