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March 23, 2011 - **A PRESCRIPTION FOR CLEAN WATER MEDICATION DISPOSAL PROGRAM** the Bristol Water Department in conjunction with the Southington Water Department and local volunteers will be hosting a free Medication Disposal Program for Bristol, Burlington, Southington and Wolcott residents on Saturday April 30, 2011. The program will be held at the Southington Water Department Headquarters from 10 AM to 2 PM.

“We held the event the last two years and it has been growing larger each year” said Bristol Water Superintendent, Robert Longo. “We got a lot of great feedback from the residents coming through the event and were able to collect around 3,000 medications each year”.

This free event is an opportunity for everyone to clean out their medicine cabinets and bring all expired and unwanted medication (prescription, vitamins, over-the-counter and veterinary) for proper disposal. All medicine will be disposed of properly by incineration and no medicine will be re-used or re-sold. Also, thermometers, needles or medical waste of any type will not be accepted.

“The program is a regional effort to help protect our drinking water supplies and make sure they are safe for future generations,” said Mayor Art Ward.

All medicines returned should be in their original bottle with the name and address of the patient crossed off with a permanent marker. If you do not have a marker one will be provided at the event. Be sure to leave the name of the medication visible for the pharmacist’s review. A law enforcement officer will be in attendance per State and Federal laws.

Participants will be asked a few general questions, such as town of residence, why the medication is no longer wanted and how did you hear about this event. No personal information will be requested.

The program will not only help keep Bristol and Southington’s drinking water clean, but will also help protect the health of our children and the environment.

For more information, please visit the Bristol Water Department’s website at www.bristolwaterdept.org or contact Robert Longo, Superintendent, Bristol Water Department at (860) 582-7431.

Residents of Southington and Wolcott may also contact Tom West, Superintendent, Southington Water Department or at (860) 628-5593.

