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Drug-drops a wise safeguard

King Kullen is taking local "shed-the-meds" efforts to a new level by setting up permanent collection boxes for unused medications in 11 of its grocery store pharmacies. The chain — partnering with the Citizens Campaign for the Environment, the Suffolk County Water Authority and the utility United Water — is taking advantage of new federal rules allowing pharmacies to collect unused drugs for incineration.

Bravo for King Kullen. Now others should follow suit.



Turning in unused over-the-counter and prescription drugs — no questions asked — gets them out of medicine cabinets, where they can be misused, and prevents them from being flushed down toilets and entering our waterways, where traces of medications already are found. Fewer drugs in our homes and waters is a double win. **N**