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Great Lakes Sea Grant programs' collaborative efforts land a big award

Congratulations are in order for several Sea Grant staffers from around the Great Lakes who worked on a major prescription drug disposal initiative.

From our [Unwanted Meds](#) blog:

"Undo the Great Lakes Chemical Brew: Proper PPCP Disposal was funded by a

[Great Lakes Restoration Initiative \(GLRI\)](#) grant from the U.S. EPA. By combining outreach and educational efforts, the project helps Great Lakes basin residents understand the correct use and proper disposal of [unwanted medications and personal care products](#).

The project was awarded the 2012 Great Lakes Superior Outreach Programming Award, which is presented by the [Great Lakes Sea Grant Network](#) to recognize multi-program initiatives that have helped solve a problem of major importance in the Great Lakes basin. It recognizes exceptional leadership, teamwork, and accomplishments by Great Lakes Sea Grant personnel, and is the highest award the Great Lakes Sea Grant Network bestows."

The program accomplished a tremendous amount of work in reaching communities with important information about proper medicine disposal, and in hosting collection events. Visit the complete blog post linked above to read more about how several Great Lakes Sea Grant programs worked together to make this initiative an award winner.

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One of more than 30 Sea Grant programs in the U.S., IISG is focused on southern Lake Michigan and Great Lakes concerns. The program is funded through NOAA, the University of Illinois, and Purdue University, but IISG also works in partnerships with key organizations, institutions, and agencies in the region to reach more audiences and multiply opportunities for success. IISG brings together scientists, educators, policy makers, community decision makers, outreach specialists, business leaders, and the general public to work towards a healthy environment and economy.

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