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Residents turn in 10,000 sharps and 200lbs of medications

FREDERICK, MD -- On Saturday, April 26, the Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) partnered with the Frederick Police Department, Maryland State Police and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to host the National Prescription Drug Takeback Day. In four hours, 110 residents turned in almost 200 pounds of unwanted or expired medication and 10,000 sharps at two collection sites.

“Thank you to our community and partners who came out on a rainy Saturday to make this event a success. Despite the weather we had a solid turnout and an impressive number of sharps and syringes to dispose of,” said Nate Smith, FCHD’s Opioid Misuse Prevention Program Coordinator. “We greatly appreciate the Frederick Police Department, Maryland State Police and the DEA for helping to staff the event, and most of all, we thank our Frederick community for turning out to dispose of medications and syringes safely, which helps keeps our community safe.”

FCHD and the Brunswick Police Department will host a disposal event on June 21, 2025 from 10am - 1pm at 811 West Potomac Street, Brunswick, Maryland, 21716. Medications in pill form only and sharps/syringe will be accepted with no questions asked.

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For residents who are unable to attend the events and still have medication to get rid of, the following locations accept unwanted or expired pills and medicinal patches year round:

- Brunswick Police Department – 811 West Potomac Street, Brunswick
- Emmitsburg Community Center – 300 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg
- Frederick Co. Law Enforcement Center – 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick
- Middletown Municipal Center – 301 Main Street, Middletown
- Myersville Municipal Center – 31 West Main Street, Myersville
- Thurmont Police Department – 800 East Main Street, Thurmont

For additional medication disposal locations and more information about the dangers of prescription medicine misuse, please visit Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/OMPP or contact the Frederick County Health Department at 301-600-1755.

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