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Medication Disposal Event Scheduled for June 21, 2025

FREDERICK, MD -- On Saturday, June 21, 2025, the Frederick County Health Department and Brunswick Police Department will work together to offer a medicine disposal event at the Brunswick Police Department building located at 811 West Potomac St., Brunswick, 21716. This event offers Frederick County residents the opportunity to safely dispose of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted drugs and prevent medicine from being used incorrectly, misuse or diversion. This event is for residents only and is not intended for businesses, clinics, or medical/healthcare facilities.

The event will take place between the 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Medications and sharps will be collected in a drive-through event format with no questions asked. Items that will be accepted include prescription and over-the-counter medicines (**in pill form only**), prescription medication patches, pet medicines (**in pill form only**) and sharps (**used and unused**). If disposing sharps, they must be separated from all medicine being disposed. Sharps should be placed in a sealed container such as a laundry detergent bottle labeled with an estimated number of sharps.

Participants may dispose of their medicines in the original container and are encouraged to remove any identifying information from the prescription label.

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According to a 2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 14.4 million Americans reported misusing any prescription drug in the past year. This drug disposal event provides an opportunity for residents to prevent drug sharing, addiction, and overdose deaths by safely and securely disposing of their expired and/or unwanted medications.

For residents who are unable to attend the event 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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