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Frederick County Turns in Over 330 Pounds of Medication

FREDERICK, MD -- On Saturday, October 25, 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. Over four hours, 184 community members turned in over 330 pounds of unwanted or expired medication and over 9,000 needles at two collection sites.

"A huge thank you to the Frederick Police Department, Maryland State Police and the DEA for helping to staff the event," said Nate Smith, FCHD's Opioid Misuse Prevention Program Coordinator. "Most of all, we thank our community for coming out on a beautiful Saturday to get rid of unwanted medication which keeps our community clean and safe."

"This initiative reflects how public health, law enforcement, and residents can work together to prevent harm before it occurs. Every collection event strengthens the system of prevention we've built in Frederick County," said Andrea Walker, Director, Behavioral Health Services Division of the Frederick County Health Department.

For community members who were unable to attend the event and still have medication to get rid of, FCHD keeps an up to date list of locations that accept medications on the health department website.

The website also has instructions on how people can get rid of unwanted or expired medications at home. For more information on the Opioid Misuse Prevention Program, visit Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/OMPP or contact the Frederick County Health Department at 301-600-1755.

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