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DRUG TAKE BACK DAY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick County Health Department encourages the residents of Frederick County to participate in the 17th National Take Back Day event on Saturday, April 27th between 10AM and 2PM. Sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), this event addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue by providing residents with the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medicine. Last October, over 914,000 pounds of medicine were collected and safely destroyed nationwide. In Frederick County, a total of 975 pounds of medicine were collected at three sites.

On April 27th, law enforcement agencies will be on location to collect unwanted medications at the following Frederick County collection sites:

- Former Trinity School – 6040 New Design Road in Frederick
- Maryland State Police Barracks - 110 Airport Drive East in Frederick
- Natural Resources Police - 2011 Monument Road in Myersville

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The following items may be dropped off during the event:

- Prescription and over-the-counter medicines
- Medical samples
- Pet medicines
- Medicated ointments and lotions

Participants may dispose of their medicines in the original container and should remove any identifying information from the prescription label. This event is for residential disposal and is not intended for businesses, clinics or medical/healthcare facilities.

The Frederick County Health Department Harm Reduction Program will be at the former Trinity School location to host a Syringe Disposal Day. Between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., residents will be able to drive-through and conveniently dispose of syringes, needles, lancets and auto injectors. Last October, over 6,467 syringes and needles were collected and safely disposed. Syringes to be disposed of should be separated from any medicine being disposed.

For more information about the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day initiative, visit takebackday.dea.gov. For information about the dangers of prescription medicine misuse and for information about monitoring, storing and disposing of medicines, please visit <https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/OMPP> or contact the Frederick County Health Department at 301-600-1755.

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