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Drug Disposal Day Achievements **Saturday, April 24, 2021**

FREDERICK, MD -- On Saturday, April 24, the Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) partnered with Whitesell Pharmacy, the Maryland State Police and the Frederick Police Department to host the Drug Enforcement Agency's "National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day". Between 10AM and 2PM, 334 residents turned in a total of 446 pounds of unwanted medication and approximately 17,331 sharps between our two community collection sites.

According to Kylie Doherty, Opioid Misuse Prevention Program Coordinator in the Behavioral Health Services Division of FCHD, "We are so appreciative to all partners and participants who helped make Drug Take Back Day so successful. Since the majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet, this event is a great opportunity for folks to safely dispose of their medications and help prevent medicine misuse."

If you were unable to attend the "Drug Take Back Day" event and have medication you would like to dispose of, please visit one of our [drop-box locations](#) in Frederick County.

For information about the dangers of prescription medicine misuse and for information about monitoring, storing and disposing of medicines, please visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/OMPP or contact the Frederick County Health Department at 301-600-1755. [Click here](#) for information on how to safely dispose of syringes and other sharps.

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