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Residents Turn Out to Turn In
Unwanted Meds and Sharps

FREDERICK, MD -- On Saturday, April 30, the Frederick County Health Department partnered with the Maryland State Police and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to host the "National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day". Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 198 residents turned in approximately 408 pounds of unwanted or expired medication and approximately 9,565 sharps between the two collection sites. According to Nate Smith, Opioid Misuse Prevention Program Coordinator, "With the help of the DEA and staff from the Behavioral Health Services Division of the Frederick County Health Department, the disposal event was a huge success. Special thanks to our Frederick community, who took time out of a beautiful Saturday afternoon to responsibly dispose of medications and sharps to help keep our community safe."

For residents unable to attend the "Drug Take Back Day" event and have medication to dispose, health department drop box locations can be found at
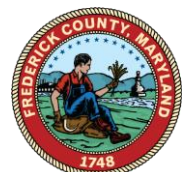
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health.frederickcountymd.gov/OMPP. Information on syringe disposal can also be found on the health department webpage. Additional medication drop box locations can be found at numerous pharmacies within the county. For a listing of all known drop box locations, please visit https://frederickcountymd.gov/3958/Household-Hazardous-Wastes.

For information about the dangers of prescription medicine misuse and for information about monitoring, storing and disposing of medicines and syringes, please visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/OMPP or contact the Frederick County Health Department at 301-600-1755.

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