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Residents Turn Out to Turn In Unwanted Meds and Sharps

FREDERICK, MD -- On Saturday, October 29th, the Frederick County Health Department partnered with the Frederick Police Department, 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., 125 residents turned in 237 pounds of unwanted or expired medication and 13,129 sharps at two collection sites.

“We are grateful for our Frederick community and the many people who participated in our fall 2022 Drug Take Back Day event,” said Nate Smith, Opioid Misuse Prevention Program Coordinator. “We also thank our amazing law enforcement partners and health department staff who helped to make this event a success”.

For residents who were unable to attend the “Drug Take Back Day” event and have medication to dispose, medicine drop box locations can be found at health.frederickcountymd.gov/OMPP.

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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