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Residents Turn Out to Turn In Unwanted Medications and Sharps

FREDERICK, MD — On Saturday, October 28, the Frederick County Health Department partnered with the Frederick Police Department, Maryland State Police and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to host a drug and sharp take back day as part of “National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.” Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 105 residents turned in over 150 pounds of unwanted or expired medication and 5,934 sharps at two collection sites.

“We are incredibly grateful to our community and partners who came out on a beautiful fall day and gave part of their Saturday to make this event a success,” said Nate Smith, Opioid Misuse Prevention Program Coordinator. “A huge thanks to the Frederick Police Department, Maryland State Police and the DEA for helping to staff the event, and most of all, we thank our Frederick community for turning out in full force to dispose of medications and syringes safely, which helps keeps our community safe.”

For residents who were unable to attend the event and have medication to dispose, please visit on of the locations below to get rid of your unwanted or expired pills and medicinal patches:

- Brunswick Police Department – 811 West Potomac Street, Brunswick (24 hours a day)
- Emmitsburg Community Center – 300 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg (Weekdays 8AM-4:30PM)
- Frederick Co. Law Enforcement Center – 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick (24 hours a day)
- Frederick Police Department – 100 West Patrick Street, Frederick (24 hours a day)
- Middletown Municipal Center – 301 Main Street, Middletown (Weekdays 8AM-4PM)
- Myersville Municipal Center – 301 West Main Street, Myersville (Weekdays 9AM-4PM)
- Thurmont Police Department – 800 East Main Street, Thurmont (Weekdays 8AM-4PM)

For additional medication disposal locations and more information about the dangers of prescription medicine misuse, please visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/OMPP or contact the Frederick County Health Department at 301-600-1755.

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