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Frederick County Held Successful Drug Takeback Day

FREDERICK, MD -- On Saturday, April 27, the Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) partnered with the Frederick Police Department, Maryland State Police and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to host the "National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day." From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 115 residents turned in over 250 pounds of unwanted or expired medication and over 16,000 sharps at two collection sites.

"We thank our Frederick County community for turning out in full force despite the rainy conditions to dispose of medications and syringes safely. Proper disposal of unwanted medication and sharps helps keep our community safe," said Nate Smith, FCHD's Opioid Misuse Prevention Program Coordinator. "We are incredibly grateful to our community partners who came out and gave part of their Saturday to make this event a success. A huge thank you to the Frederick City Police Department, Maryland State Police and the DEA for helping to staff the event."

For residents who were unable to attend the "Drug Take Back Day" event and have medication to dispose, you can visit one of the locations below to properly dispose of your unwanted or expired pills and medicinal patches:

- Brunswick Police Department – 811 West Potomac Street, Brunswick (open 24hrs a day)
- Emmitsburg Community Center – 300 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg (open M-F 8AM - 4:30 PM)
- Frederick Co. Law Enforcement Center – 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick (open 24hrs a day)
- Frederick Police Department – 100 West Patrick Street, Frederick (open 24hrs a day)
- Middletown Municipal Center – 301 Main Street, Middletown (M-F 8AM - 4PM)
- Myersville Municipal Center – 31 West Main Street, Myersville (M-F 9AM - 4PM)
- Thurmont Police Department – 800 East Main Street, Thurmont (M-F 8AM - 4PM)

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The next medicine and sharps disposal event will be held on Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company located at 79 West Frederick St in Walkersville, MD 21793. For more information about this disposal event, residents are encouraged to contact Smith at 301-606-0146 or NSmith@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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 Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/OMPP or contact the health department at 301-600-1755.

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