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Residents Turn in Over 350 Pounds of Medication

FREDERICK, MD -- On Saturday, October 26, 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 Takeback Day. In four hours, 150 residents turned in over 350 pounds of unwanted or expired medication and almost 10,000 sharps at two collection sites.

“We are grateful to our community and partners who came out on a lovely afternoon and gave part of their Saturday to make this event a success. We collected 100 pounds more of unwanted or expired medication than we did in the spring.” said Nate Smith, FCHD’s 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 larger numbers than the past few events to dispose of medications and syringes safely, which helps keeps our community safe.”

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Combining the Drug Takeback Day in April, the Health Department collected 600 pounds of unwanted or expired medication, and over 25,000 sharps.

For residents who were unable to attend the event and still have medication to get rid of, the following locations accept unwanted or expired pills and medicinal patches year round:

- Brunswick Police Department – 811 West Potomac Street, Brunswick
- Emmitsburg Community Center – 300 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg
- Frederick Co. Law Enforcement Center – 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick
- Frederick Police Department – 100 West Patrick Street, Frederick
- Middletown Municipal Center – 301 Main Street, Middletown
- Myersville Municipal Center – 31 West Main Street, Myersville
- Thurmont Police Department – 800 East Main Street, Thurmont

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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