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Medication drop-off day held

Stanton- On October 20 Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) hosted its first medication drop-off day where community members were encouraged to “drop off” old or unwanted medications so that they could be properly disposed of.

In all, a total of 339 pounds of medications were collected, free-of-charge. Most any type of medication (prescription or over-the-counter) was accepted.

“I’m thankful the drop-off was so well-received,” said Kim Singh, Health Officer for MMDHD. “We strongly discourage residents from disposing of medicines in the trash or flushing them down the toilet as it is unsafe for the environment and the public. Having such a large amount of medications properly disposed of as a result of the drop-off is very encouraging,” she added. Singh is also thankful to community partners, Michigan Clean Sweep, Michigan State University Extension, Montcalm Sheriff, Montcalm County Solid Waste Committee, and Sheridan Community Hospital who helped make the event possible.

By taking advantage of medication drop-off days when they are offered, residents not only help protect the environment by having their old or unwanted medications properly disposed of, but help to reduce substance abuse and prevent childhood poisonings as well.

Additional medication drop-off days are being planned in Montcalm County. Details will be released as soon as they are available.

Mid-Michigan District Health Department serves the residents of Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm Counties.

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