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SECOND LOCAL EFFORT FOR NATIONAL DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY NETS 205 POUNDS OF MEDICATIONS

**An increase, since the spring 2011 event, of over 70 lbs additional unused
pharmaceuticals kept out of our waterways and homes!**

BERLIN, MD - Local officials from the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, Worcester County Health Department, Ocean City Police Department, Berlin Police Department and Assateague Coastal Trust/Coastkeeper today announced the October 29 Operation Medicine Drop event in Worcester County, as part of the Fall National Drug Take Back Day, was extremely successful netting a total of 205 lbs of unused and expired medications.

The spring 2011 event took in 130 lbs of pills, so despite the bad weather on the 29th, officials were extremely pleased with the turnout. "This lets us know the public is now better educated about the reasons for these events and they are also aware they now have multiple opportunities to safely dispose of unused medications in Worcester County," noted Eastern Shore Regional DEA Agent David Rivello.

Once again the Ocean Pines Food Lion was the top 'take-back' location, with over 104 lbs of medications turned in. The West Ocean City Food Lion was the second busiest drop off location.

Worcester County's Operation Medicine Drop partner agencies and groups look forward to a spring event in 2012 and will announce the date and locations as soon as a Spring 2012 National Drug Take Back Day is announced by federal agencies.

The group thanks everyone who participated, and also thanks Food Lion, Inc for providing drop off locations.

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Assateague Coastal Trust works to protect and enhance the natural resources of the Atlantic coastal bays watershed through advocacy, conservation, and education.

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205 lbs of medications were collected on Oct 29 in Worcester County and are sealed at the Berlin Police Department while awaiting safe and secure disposal.

