



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Unwanted Medication Collection on Saturday, June 8

- Who:** The Knoxville Police Department along with the Knox County and City of Knoxville Solid Waste Offices, the Knox County Health Department and other members of the East Tennessee Regional Medication Collection Coalition
- What:** Properly dispose of old or unwanted prescription medications or over-the-counter medicines
- When:** Saturday, June 8
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Where:** Fort Sanders West
220 Fort Sanders West Blvd., Building 2
(at Kingston Pike and Pellissippi Parkway)

Background: *KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (June 4, 2013)* – Members of the East Tennessee Regional Medication Collection Coalition will be on hand to collect and properly dispose of unwanted medicines Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fort Sanders West. The empty plastic and paper medicine containers will be recycled if left with event organizers.

Medicines can **only** be dropped off at this location during the event. At all other times, Knox County residents can bring old or unused medicines to the Knoxville Police Department Safety Building at 800 Howard Baker Jr. Ave. The Safety Building is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

This event is sponsored by: the Knoxville Police Department, Knox County and City of Knoxville Solid Waste Offices, Knox County Health Department, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, UT Academy of Student Pharmacists, KUB, Hallsdale-Powell Utility District, Metropolitan Drug Commission, and UnitedHealthcare. Other partners include: Covenant Senior Health, Fort Sanders West, Calhoun's, WBIR CH-10 and WUOT.

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