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## **‘America Recycles Day’ event to be held in downtown Knoxville**

*Knoxville, Tenn.* – Knox County’s 2013 America Recycles Day event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Krutch Park Extension across from the downtown movie theater on Gay Street.

The theme for this year’s event is *America Recycles and You Can Too!* Attendees can speak to more than a dozen environmental organizations about where, how and why to recycle. There will be giveaways, games and activities, including Keep Knoxville Beautiful’s recycled art exhibit where participants can create and view artwork made of recycled goods.

At the event, residents can bring old or unwanted documents to be confidentially shredded and recycled by Goodwill. There is no limit to how many documents residents can bring, and this may include items such as old tax files, billing statements, receipts or any other paper document that needs secure disposal. Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union will be on hand to provide free information on how long old documents should be kept and when it is appropriate to dispose of them.

Other activities happening on site include:

- Medication collection by the Knoxville Police Department, Knox County Solid Waste, Knox County Health Department and others from the East Tennessee Regional Medication Collection Coalition
- Recycling bin giveaway by the Knoxville Recycling Coalition
- Used mercury thermometer exchange by the City of Knoxville Solid Waste Office

Other groups scheduled to be on site are the City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department, Fort Loudon Lake Association, Knox County Solid Waste, Waste Connections and the Water Quality Forum.

*America Recycles Day: America Recycles and You Can Too* is sponsored by the Knox County and City of Knoxville Solid Waste Offices, Keep Knoxville Beautiful, Goodwill Industries of Knoxville, the Knoxville Recycling Coalition, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, the Water Quality Forum, Fort Loudon Lake Association, Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union, Waste Connections, WVLT and WUOT.

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