



MEDIA ADVISORY

OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR TIM BURCHETT

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Unwanted Medication Collection this Saturday, Nov. 1

- 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, Nov. 1
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Where:** 600 block of Market St. – Downtown Knoxville
Near the East Tennessee History Center

Background:

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (Oct. 27, 2014) – Members of the East Tennessee Regional Medication Collection Coalition will be on hand to collect and properly dispose of unwanted medicines Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 600 block of Market Street in downtown Knoxville near the East Tennessee History Center.

This event will be held in conjunction with Knox County's America Recycles Day Event. 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, the Metropolitan Drug Commission, WBIR and WUOT.

For more information visit <http://www.medicationcollection.org/> or contact Jennifer Linginfelter at 865-215-4579.

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