



Press Release
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UPDATE*****

SCSO to Introduce First Permanent Drug Collection Bin in Shelby County

On **Wednesday, September 4, 2013**, the **Shelby County Sheriff's Office**, in partnership with **Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation**, introduced a new permanent collection bin located at **11670 Memphis-Arlington Road**. This is available for Shelby County residents to properly dispose of used or unwanted medications.

Since it was opened to the public, we have received and disposed of over **100 pounds** of medications and drugs as of **October 4th**.

This permanent bin offers a safe and easy way to dispose of unwanted medication, while creating opportunities for residents to promote environmental protection and a safer community. National statistics suggest that nearly **90 percent** of Americans improperly dispose of outdated or unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs.

This effort by the **Shelby County Sheriff's Office** is serving a need to keep the environment safe of those unwanted medications and prescription drugs. It's also our way to educate the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.