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Arcata Community Recycling Center

FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Southern Humboldt County residents will have the opportunity to recycle electronic waste (e-waste) free of charge.

The collection event will take place on Sunday November 4th, from 10am to 3pm, at the Caltrans Garberville Maintenance Yard, at 1500 Redwood Drive Garberville.

E-waste consists of any device containing a circuit board that has reached the end of its useful life or has become obsolete. Computers, computer accessories, laptops, TV's, printers, scanners, fax machines, microwave ovens, stereo equipment, telephones, cell phones, answering machines, VCRs, and calculators are all examples of e-waste that must now be recycled.

Approximately 3,000 tons of electronics are discarded everyday in the U.S., many of them ending up in landfills where high levels of lead, mercury, and other heavy metals can leach into the ground and create serious environmental hazards. As of February 9, 2006 all e-waste has been banned from disposal in solid waste landfills by California's Universal Waste Rule and instead must be recycled.

Arcata Community Recycling Center (ACRC) is sponsoring this free event in collaboration with the Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA). ACRC is certified by the Basel Action Network for ethical handling of e-waste, taking the electronic recycler's pledge of true stewardship. E-waste collected at this site is shipped to a recycling facility in Fresno, CA who certifies that e-waste is ethically handled and 100% recycled.

ACRC and the Eureka Community Recycling Center accept e-waste for recycling everyday. The fee for recycling e-waste is \$0.10 cents per pound (10 pound minimum charge). TVs, computer monitors, and laptop computers are also e-waste, but are classified as CRTs (cathode ray tubes). The fee for recycling standard sized CRTs is \$13.

The Arcata Community Recycling Center facility is located at 9th and N St. in Arcata. Eureka Community Recycling Center (ECRC) can be found adjacent the Humboldt County Transfer Station at 1059 W. Hawthorne St. in Eureka.

Residents are reminded this is a residential collection event only.

For questions about e-waste recycling call 822-4321 or visit www.aactarecycling.org.