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ADEQ Announces Northeast Arizona's Largest Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Aug. 29 in Show Low

PHOENIX (Aug. 19, 2009) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that the largest ever electronics waste recycling event in northeast Arizona will be held Saturday morning, Aug. 29 at Show Low's Walmart Supercenter.

ADEQ and its partners -- Green-Tech Assets of Mesa, Walmart and the City of Show Low – anticipate collecting tens of tons of unwanted computers, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, fax machines, cables and cords during the event. The recyclable material will be collected in the Walmart parking lot at the old gas station pad next to Wendy's restaurant.

Neither televisions nor appliances will be accepted during the event.

Green-Tech Assets also will be scheduling pickups of recycled electronic items at school and businesses in southern Navajo and Apache counties. For more information and to arrange a pick up, call (480)964-3031 or email tproctor@greentechassets.com.

“Electronics waste is one of the most pressing environmental problems throughout Arizona and the rest of the country,” said ADEQ Director Benjamin H. Grumbles. “This is the first of several such events that we will be sponsoring throughout rural Arizona during the next year. We should always remember in our daily lives the three Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle.”

Green Tech Assets has participated in earlier electronics recycling events which collected 10 tons in the City of Tempe, 7.5 tons at Grand Canyon Village, seven tons in the City of Mesa and six tons in the City of Williams.

“We've had other successful events in rural Arizona. But we expect the Show Low event to account for the most tonnage of recyclable electronics material that we have collected to date,” said Karin Harris, business development manager of Green Tech Assets.

Show Low City Manager Ed Muder said, “We're pleased to partner with ADEQ, Green-Tech Assets and Walmart to bring this recycling opportunity to the White Mountains. We know a lot of people in the area have outdated electronic equipment they don't know what to do with. This event will help fill that need and fits in well with our plans to bring more recycling opportunities to our citizens.”

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