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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Events for Residents of Willcox, Duncan on Feb. 12

PHOENIX (Feb. 1, 2011) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that free electronics waste recycling events for Southeast Arizona residents of Willcox in Cochise County and Duncan in Greenlee County will be held on Saturday morning, Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. until noon.

The Willcox event, sponsored by ADEQ and its partners City of Willcox and Westech Recyclers of Phoenix, will be held at Willcox Community Center, 312 W. Stewart Street. For more information, call (520) 384-6447.

The Duncan event, sponsored by ADEQ and its partners Town of Duncan and Westech Recyclers, will be held at Duncan Centennial Park, 207 S.E. Old West Highway. For more information, call (928)359-2791.

ADEQ and its partners anticipate collecting tons of unwanted televisions, computer equipment, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, stereos, cables and cords at the two events.

“We are excited about having our first free electronics waste collection event in Duncan and our second in Willcox and welcome everyone living in those areas to attend,” said ADEQ Acting Director Henry Darwin. “This is a great opportunity for people to dispose of all the unwanted electronics they have collected over the years while at the same time ensuring that this potentially toxic stream of waste is disposed of responsibly and does not take up valuable landfill space.”

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from Westech Recyclers if they want the document. Westech Recyclers will erase all hard drives with state of the art software and the company recycles all materials in accordance with state and federal regulations.

ADEQ has sponsored 28 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected 724,834 pounds -- more than 362 tons -- from 5,589 vehicles attending the events.

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