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## **ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Events at Two Home Depot Parking Lots in Flagstaff on Sept. 10**

PHOENIX (Aug. 22, 2011) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that its Second Annual Flagstaff Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the city's two Home Depot Stores, 1325 W. Route 66 and 6005 E. Marketplace Dr.

ADEQ and its partners – City of Flagstaff, Quality Connections Office Supply, The Home Depot, and Westech Recyclers -- anticipate collecting tons of unwanted televisions, computer equipment, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, stereos, cameras, cables and cords during the event.

Last year's event at the two Home Depots collected nearly 15 tons of discarded electronics from 225 motorists.

"We are excited about returning to Flagstaff after last year's excellent event and welcome everyone living in the area to attend," said ADEQ 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."

Scott Donovan, manager of the City of Flagstaff's environmental programs, said the event provides an in-town option to dispose of electronic waste in addition to the city's permanent Hazardous Products Center.

"We are excited to be co-sponsoring this event with ADEQ and the other companies because it provides a convenient, free avenue for all Flagstaff and area residents and businesses to dispose of their electronic wastes," Donovan said.

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 41 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected just more than 950,000 pounds from nearly 8,000 vehicles attending the events.

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