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## **ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held April 7 at Whole Foods Markets in Tucson**

PHOENIX (March 28, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event for residents of Tucson and the surrounding area will be held Saturday, April 7 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the parking lots of Whole Foods Markets at 3360 E. Speedway Blvd. and 7133 N. Oracle Road in Tucson.

ADEQ and its partners -- Whole Foods Market, World Care and Westech Recyclers of Phoenix -- anticipate collecting tons of unwanted televisions, computers, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, cables and cords during the event.

“We are excited about returning to the Whole Foods Markets in Tucson for the third straight year because of the excellent free electronics waste recycling events we have had the last two years,” ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. “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.”

Sara Putnam, metro marketing supervisor for Whole Foods Markets in Arizona, said that the e-recycling event reflects one of the market’s key core values.

“Whole Foods Market is thrilled to be a partner in this event. Caring about our communities and our environment is one of our seven core values and having the event benefit a local nonprofit like World Care creates a win-win for the environment and our community. We hope residents and businesses alike join us in taking advantage of this free recycling event,” Putnam 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 recycles all material in accordance with state and federal regulations and will erase all hard drives received with state of the art software.

ADEQ has sponsored 59 events since August 2009 and collected more than 1.4 million pounds of e-waste. For more information, call (520) 795-9844 or (520) 297-5394.

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