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## **ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event at Flagstaff Mall Parking Lot in East Flagstaff on Sept. 8**

PHOENIX (Aug. 28, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that the Third Annual Flagstaff Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Saturday, Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the northwest parking lot of Flagstaff Mall, 4650 N. Highway 89. Paper documents for later shredding also will be accepted at the event.

ADEQ and its partners – City of Flagstaff, Quality Connections Office Supply, NAZ Document Management, Flagstaff Mall & The Marketplace, and Westech Recyclers of Phoenix -- 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.

More than 23 tons of recycled electronics have been collected from 462 vehicles during ADEQ's first two years of e-waste recycling events in Flagstaff.

“We are excited about returning to Flagstaff for a third year 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 city's permanent Hazardous Products Center (HPC) offers year round electronics recycling at the city's Cinder Lake Landfill. About 80 tons of electronics are collected at the HPC every year. It's great that ADEQ is offering an in-town electronics recycling option and the city is proud to sponsor this event. Electronics are almost 100 percent recyclable.”

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 68 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected nearly 1.7 million pounds from more than 12,000 vehicles attending the events.

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