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ADEQ Announces Free Regional Electronics Waste Recycling, Paper Shredding Event for Sahuarita/Green Valley March 2

PHOENIX (Feb. 20, 2013) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Town of Sahuarita officials announced today that their third annual free electronics waste recycling, paper shredding and prescription drug take back event for Sahuarita, Green Valley and surrounding area residents will be held Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Ross/Big Lots parking lot, 18680 S. Nogales Highway in Sahuarita.

ADEQ and its partners -- the Town of Sahuarita, Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce, ProShred Security of Phoenix and E-Waste Harvesters 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, cables and cords during the event.

Residents will be able to dispose of old documents with a paper shredder on site. Because of space considerations in the shred truck, each motorist can bring no more than three boxes of materials for shredding. Sahuarita officials also will be taking in prescription drugs and over-the counter medications for disposal in an environmentally sensitive manner.

“We have had excellent events in Sahuarita the last two years,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “We are expecting tons of paper to be shredded on site and dozens of pounds of prescription drugs to be taken in. This is a great opportunity for people to dispose of all the unwanted electronics they have collected 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.”

“We would like everyone to note that our collection site has moved from the parking lot of Fry’s to the parking lot of Ross and Big Lots,” said Monica Wilson, Sahuarita’s public works project manager. “We’ve had wonderful turnouts the last two years and we are expecting more of the same since we also will be offering on-site paper shredding and medication takebacks in addition to electronic waste recycling.”

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

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