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## **Free Electronics Waste Recycling, Paper Shred Event for Residents of Sun City West Area on April 5**

PHOENIX (March 14, 2014) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that the fourth annual free electronics waste recycling and paper shredding event for residents of Sun City West, Sun City and the surrounding area will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 8 a.m. until noon in the parking lot of the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd., in Sun City West.

ADEQ and its partners – PORA, Sun City West Posse, Recreation Centers of Sun City West, E-Waste Harvesters and ProShred Security -- anticipate collecting tons of shredded documents, 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 event.

ProShred Security will accept five free boxes of paper to be shredded for free. If customers have more than five boxes, there will be a \$5 a box charge.

A total of 115,000 pounds of discarded electronics were turned in by 1,900 motorists during ADEQ's first three events in Sun City West. Nearly six tons of documents were shredded last year.

"We have had an overwhelming response to our previous events in Sun City West," ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. "This is a great opportunity for people to dispose of backlogs of documents and all the unwanted electronics they have collected over the years, ensuring that this potentially toxic stream of waste is disposed of responsibly and doesn't take up valuable landfill space."

Bill Hansen, president of the PORA board of directors, also said he is eagerly anticipating the event.

"There is a huge need for electronics waste collection and paper shredding events as we have found out in recent years," Hansen said. "This is a great opportunity for people to recycle in an environmentally responsible manner."

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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