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## **ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Events at Two Home Depot Parking Lots in Flagstaff on Sept. 18**

PHOENIX (Sept. 7, 2010) – The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality enters the second year of its free electronics waste recycling program with a Sept. 18 event in Flagstaff in which the waste will be collected in the parking lots of the two Home Depots in the city from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Collection points will be at 1325 W. Route 66 in the west part of Flagstaff and the Market Place shopping center, next to Flagstaff Mall, in the east part of the city.

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, cables and cords during the event.

“E-waste is hi-tech litter that's becoming one of Arizona's fastest growing environmental threats,” said ADEQ Director Benjamin H. Grumbles. “We can all make a difference by pitching in to the recycle bin and turn a potentially toxic stream of waste into useful products and green profits. We are excited about having our first e-waste event in Flagstaff after having more than 20 such events statewide during the past year.”

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 Household 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 21 e-recycling events around the state during the past year and collected more than 200 tons of e-waste from more than 3,000 motorists and businesses.

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