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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Oct. 2 at Whole Foods Markets in Tucson

PHOENIX (Sept. 20, 2010) – 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, Oct. 2 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.

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. An e-waste event earlier this year at the Tucson Whole Foods Markets collected nearly 15 tons of material.

“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 returning to Tucson and partnering with Whole Foods again after the success we enjoyed at the event in January.”

Sonja Brown, marketing supervisor for Whole Foods Markets in Tucson, 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,” Brown 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.

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