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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event at Glendale Community College on Nov. 13

PHOENIX (Oct. 29, 2010) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event will be held Saturday, Nov. 13 at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave., in Glendale from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

ADEQ and its partners -- the City of Glendale, Glendale Community College 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, 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 Glendale after having more than 20 such events statewide during the past year.”

Chanda Fraulino, recycle program coordinator for Glendale Community College, said the event provides a much-needed option to dispose of electronic waste while at the same time educating the community and students about different types of recycling.

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 24 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected 576,580 pounds -- more than 288 tons -- from nearly 3,800 vehicles attending the e-waste events.

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