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ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Saturday, March 17 at Heritage Park in Florence

PHOENIX (March 7, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a free electronics waste recycling event for residents of Florence and the surrounding area will be held on Saturday, March 17 from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the 600 block of North Main Street, at Heritage Park.

ADEQ and its partners – Town of Florence, Pinal County Attorney’s Office, R&B Demolition Services of Florence, 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 at the event.

“We are excited about having our first free electronics waste collection event in the Florence area and welcome everyone living in the area to attend,” ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. “This is a great opportunity for people to dispose of all the unwanted electronics they have collected over the years 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.”

In addition to the e-waste, event organizers will accept tires, landscaping materials and unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications from residents of Florence who bring a drivers license, utility bill or other documentation. For more information, contact Florence Deputy Town Manager Jess Knudson at (520) 868-7541.

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from Westech Recyclers if they want the document. Westech 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 55 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected nearly 1.4 million pounds from more than 10,000 vehicles attending the events.

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