



DATE: April 18, 2012

CONTACT: Mark Shaffer, Director of Communications, (602) 771-2215 (o);
(480) 433-9551 (cell)

ADEQ Announces Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Saturday, April 28 at Town of Payson Multi-Event Center

PHOENIX (April 18, 2012) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that the third annual Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event will be held Saturday morning, April 28 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Town of Payson Multi-Event Center, 1400 S. Beeline Highway.

ADEQ and its partners – Payson Water Department, Gila County, Northern Gila County Sanitary District, Town of Star Valley, Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District, CH2MHill and E-Waste Harvesters 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.

The recyclable material will be collected at the Multi-Event Center, in the south part of Payson across Beeline Highway from Mazatzal Hotel and Casino. E-Waste Harvesters uses state of the art software to erase all hard drives and will provide companies and individuals donating e-waste a certificate of disposal for their records.

“We are excited about returning to Payson again after the excellent events during the first two years of our free electronics waste recycling program in that area,” 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.”

During the last two years of e-waste events in Payson, more than 15 tons of discarded electronics were collected from nearly 300 vehicles.

“The Town of Payson looks forward to the opportunity to work with ADEQ and our other partners to offer this much-needed recycling event,” said Buzz Walker, Payson’s Water Department Manager. “These events are typically some of the most well-attended of all our various town events.”

ADEQ has sponsored 64 events statewide since the e-waste program’s inception in August 2009 and collected more than 1.5 million pounds of electronics for recycling.

To receive press releases by email: <http://www.azdeq.gov/subscribe.html>
Follow ADEQ on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/azdeq>
Follow ADEQ on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ArizonaDEQ>