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ADEQ Announces Free Regional Electronics Waste Recycling, Paper Shredding Event for Southwest Valley on April 27

PHOENIX (April 16, 2013) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a “make up” free regional electronics waste recycling and paper shredding event for residents of the Southwest Valley in Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson will be held Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m. until noon in Parking Lot G of Estrella Mountain Community College in Avondale, 3000 N. Dysart Road.

The third-annual event originally was scheduled for Jan. 23 but a torrential downpour throughout the day greatly reduced the number of motorists and led to numerous requests to reschedule the event on another day. The rescheduled event is being held in conjunction with Estrella Mountain Community College Sustainability Team’s Earth Week activities, which will run throughout the week of April 21.

ADEQ and its partners -- the cities of Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson, Littleton Elementary School District, Estrella Mountain Community College, Pro Shred Security, and E-Waste Harvesters 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.

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from E-Waste Harvesters if they want the document. E-Waste Harvesters 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 85 events statewide since the e-waste program’s inception in August 2009 and collected nearly 2.1 million pounds of electronics for recycling.

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