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Go Green with ADEQ at Free Electronics Waste Recycling Event
*ADEQ Partners with City of Somerton to
Recycle Household Electronics at No Charge to Area Residents*

PHOENIX (April 14, 2015) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and City of Somerton officials announced today a free electronics waste (e-waste) recycling event for residents of Somerton and the surrounding area on Saturday, April 25 from 8 a.m. to noon at 674 E. Main St., Somerton.

ADEQ anticipates collecting tons of e-waste including 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.

For more information about the event, call Sam Palacios, City of Somerton Public Works Director, at (928) 722-7371 (office) or (928) 315-5458 (cell).

“We are very excited about ADEQ’s new e-waste recycling partnership with Somerton,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “This is a great opportunity for people in the area 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.”

“Somerton is proud to offer our citizens their first opportunity to dispose and recycle their e-waste in an environmentally responsible way,” said Mayor Martín Porchas. “We encourage our community to take advantage of this event and have made it convenient to do so – items will be unloaded by volunteers, so participants don’t even have to get out of their vehicle.”

eGreen-IT Solutions will erase all hard drives with state of the art software, recycle all materials in accordance with state and federal regulations and provide individuals donating e-waste a certificate of disposal for their records if requested.

ADEQ has partnered with communities in more than 100 events statewide since establishing its e-waste recycling program in August 2009. To date, more than 2.6 million pounds of discarded electronics have been collected. For more information call ADEQ Recycling Coordinator J.B. Shaw at (602) 771-5613.

About ADEQ

Established by the Arizona Legislature under the Environmental Quality Act of 1986, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is the state’s regulatory agency for protecting and enhancing public health and the environment of Arizona.

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