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Electronics Recycling in Prince Edward County

The next time an electronic item is unplugged in your Prince Edward County home, be sure that it is properly recycled! Prince Edward County is pleased to offer year round electronics recycling for residents. The Electronics Recycling Program initially began as an annual, one-day collection event celebrating Earth Day in partnership with the Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District and Clean Virginia Waterways. The Earth Day collection events were so successful the county saw the need for offering the program throughout the year and has added electronics collection to its year-round recycling programs.

Residents wishing to properly recycle their electronics can take their items to several locations throughout the County: the Prince Edward County Convenience Centers in Worsham, Rice, and Prospect, as well as the STEPS facility located in Farmville. Prince Edward County combined a Virginia Non-Competitive Litter Control and Prevention Grant with general funds, and the electronics recycling program acquired these three utility trailers. The hours of operation for the Convenience Centers can be found on the Prince Edward County web page (www.co.prince-edward.va.us), while STEPS accepts recyclables Monday through Friday, from 8:00am through 3:00pm. The electronics collected include televisions, computers, monitors, printers, scanners, peripherals, microwaves, VCRs, toasters, game controls, and even curling irons.

Jarvis Mason, of STEPS, Inc., likes to describe the electronics collected as “anything with a cord, but leave the cord attached.” The Prince Edward County Electronics Program cannot accept large appliances, thermostats, smoke detectors or carbon monoxide detectors. Large appliances are collected separately at all County Convenience Centers. Alkaline and lithium batteries can be collected if both terminal ends have been covered with tape. Car batteries are not accepted but can be taken to certain area auto parts stores.

Other recyclables that are collected at Prince Edward County Convenience Centers include newspaper, office paper, corrugated cardboard, and plastic bottles imprinted with a #1 or #2 and with a neck narrower than the rest of the container (such as laundry detergent bottles, 2-liter drink bottles or milk gallon containers) and bi-metal cans. It is anticipated that glass recycling will be available again soon and an expansion to include paper-board products (such as cereal boxes) is being evaluated. The operation schedules for the Convenience Centers are posted on the Prince Edward County web-page.

A one-day collection of glass for recycling is scheduled as part of the Healthy Kids Day and Earth Day on April 16, 2011 at the Southside Virginia Family YMCA. For your convenience, a drive up location will be available this day at the 4-H Extension Office located at 100 Dominion Drive, near the YMCA. The glass will not be required to be sorted by color; however all lids must be removed and the glass bottles or jars must not be mixed with any paper, plastic, or metal. Also during this event, in partnership with the Longwood University’s Sustainability Initiative, there will be collection available for Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs and household alkaline and lithium batteries. With all of the convenient locations, Prince Edward County residents are encouraged to regularly sort and recycle household waste. Together we can have a positive impact on the environment and our community.