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Harris County to host Electronics Recycling Event on May 17th!



Many people are unaware that certain electronic items contain enough hazardous components which, when disposed of, can be classified as an EPA-defined hazardous waste. The average television screen or computer monitor contains four pounds of lead, while mercury from electronics waste has been cited as the leading source of mercury in municipal solid waste landfills. Additionally, many electronic components contain halogenated hydrocarbons, such as dioxin, and heavy metals, which, if disposed of improperly, pose very serious threats to public health and the environment.

In order to protect our local waterways, Harris County is hosting an **Electronics Recycling Day** on **Saturday, May 17, 2003**. This one-day event will take place at the **Barbara Bush Library** located at **6815 Cypresswood Drive, Spring** from **8:00 AM to 2:00 PM only**.

Up to 10 units of each of the following items will be accepted from Harris County residents -

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| • Computer Monitors | • Fax Machines |
| • Central Processing Units | • VCRs |
| • Laptops | • Telephones |
| • Televisions | • Cellular phones |
| • Printers | • Calculators |
| • Word Processors | • Stereos |
| • Scanners | • Small Personal Electronics |

The following items will **NOT** be accepted -

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| • Hazardous Wastes | • Air conditioners |
| • Business Wastes | • Refrigerators and Freezers |
| • Microwaves | • Photocopy Machines |
| • Washers and Dryers | • Household Trash |

Please call (713) 316-3580 or log on to www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org for more information.

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