

Free Electronic Waste Drop-Off

Syracuse University will hold its first annual Earth Day electronic waste event Thursday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the Life Sciences Building on Comstock Avenue. The event is organized by the University's Sustainability Division and the SU Recycling and Composting Committee and will be hosted in partnership with Regional Computer Recycling & Recovery.

Electronic waste can be recycled on Thursday, April 23, at the Life Sciences Building on Comstock Avenue.

The collection service is free of charge and is intended for students, faculty and staff, according to Sustainability Division marketing manager Melissa Cadwell. Participants must present a valid SU ID.

"It is getting harder and harder to get rid of personal e-waste, and we felt this would be a great opportunity for the first annual SU Earth Day e-waste event," Cadwell explains.

Members of the SU community will be able to bring their personal electronics to be disposed of in a manner safe for the environment. Any equipment that is University property will not be accepted and instead must be discarded through the proper University channels. Additionally, no electronics that hold University data will be accepted. This data must be completely erased before a computer or other piece of equipment can be disposed of.

Among the items that will be accepted are personal calculators, chargers, DVD players, copiers, digital cameras, ink cartridges, microwaves, monitors, radios, servers, speakers, televisions and video game systems.

Many of these products contain harmful chemicals that pose serious environmental and health risks if they end up in common landfills. Regional Computer Recycling & Recovery, assisting in the collection effort on campus, is a leading expert in e-waste cleanup and disposal. For more information on Regional Computer Recycling & Recovery, as well as the need to properly recycle e-waste, visit <http://www.ewaste.com>.

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