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SMUD celebrates Earth Day by helping customers recycle electronic waste

It seems technology changes so quickly that what was the latest and greatest electronic device just a few years ago can be considered obsolete. How many computers, monitors, printers, televisions and other electronic devices have you replaced in the recent past and then stored the old ones in the garage because you were reluctant to toss them in the garbage?

Well, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and California Electronic Asset Recovery, Inc. (CEAR) will host a “Save Today - Save Tomorrow” electronic-waste recycling event – on Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. at the SMUD Headquarters Building parking lot located at 6201 S Street (between 59th and 65th streets.) This is an opportunity for customers to recycle monitors, TVs, computers and more. Customers may find a full list of acceptable items by visiting savewithsmud.org. Customers are encouraged to check the list as some items are not acceptable. A list is also available below.

SMUD advises customers that when it’s time to replace your home electronics, appliances, equipment, or lighting, to purchase ENERGY STAR® products, which will help you save energy, money, and help the environment. For more information, including SMUD rebates and financing, visit savewithsmud.org.

The event will also serve as a fundraiser for the SMUD EnergyHELP program. In these tougher economic times EnergyHELP provides one-time bill assistance to help low-income SMUD customers in financial crisis maintain electricity service in their homes. In fewer than five years, SMUD customers have made voluntary, tax-deductible contributions of more than \$1 million to the program. More than 7,000 customers in crisis have received assistance.

Customers who cannot make it to this recycling event may drop off their electronic waste directly at CEAR, Inc. free of charge. CEAR, Inc. is located at 3678 Le May Street, Mather, CA 95655. CEAR, Inc. is a state-approved electronic waste collector and recycler. For optimal security, CEAR, Inc. shreds all accepted computer hard drives. Their facility is monitored 24/7 by surveillance cameras.

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Will Accept: monitors, televisions, desktop and notebook computers, VCRs, DVD players, video game consoles, calculators, stereo equipment, speakers, keyboards, computer mouse, PDAs, digital cameras, zip drives, telephones, cell phones, printers, copiers, laser and multifunctional scanners, fax machines, and small kitchen appliances such as mixers, toasters, and blenders.

Will NOT Accept: large household appliances (i.e., refrigerators, stoves, washers/dryers, etc.) furniture, hazardous household waste including fluorescent light bulbs, paint, pesticides, used oil, cleaning supplies, tires, etc.

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