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RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONIC WASTE!

Did your laptop stop working, maybe you got a new television recently, or have been storing old cellphones in a drawer when you upgrade to a new one? Instead of letting them collect dust or become new homes for critters why not recycle them at the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill for free! Electronic waste is accepted every day at the landfill for no charge as long as it is separated in your load. In addition to the landfill collection, on the last Saturday of each month from 8AM-12PM Tehama County residents can bring e-waste to the Department of Social Services parking lot at 310 S. Main St. or the Corning Park & Ride at the corner of Solano St. and Third St.

When computers, cellphones, televisions and other electronic devices are recycled it lessens the impact to our environment and helps to extend the life of our landfill. If electronic devices are put in the landfill it could cause harm to our groundwater and air as well as posing a danger to solid waste workers. Electronic devices contain many precious metals such as mercury, cadmium, and chromium that cause damage to the earth when they are mined and even more damage when improperly disposed of. Also, if small devices like cellphones are put in your trash they will end up in the landfill because trash is not sorted at our landfill.

As resources for electronic devices become scarcer and the effects of improper disposal continue to create hazards for people and animals, the way we use these items should change accordingly. If your electronic devices are still in working condition consider donating them to a friend or local non-profit. Also, if you would rather repair your devices than recycle them, the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency can assist you. The Agency recently acquired a "Fixit Kit" to aid our residents in repairing their own devices. The kit contains all of the tools that a small repair shop would have and can be used at the Agency's office free of charge.

While recycling or repairing your electronic devices means less revenue for the landfill, the benefits to our environment and safety of our residents and solid waste workers far exceed any loss in revenue. Keeping harmful items out of the landfill also helps reduce the environmental impact once the landfill is closed, thereby protecting future generations in Tehama County.

For more information about the fixit kit or questions about disposing of electronic devices contact the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency at 528-1103 or www.tehamacountylandfill.com. Also, "like" us on Facebook @tehamacountylandfill for more recycling and waste reduction information.