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REPAIR YOUR ITEMS, DON'T REPLACE THEM!

Does the battery in your smartphone lose power too quickly or maybe your laptop hard drive needs to be replaced? Before you think of junking them, consider repairing them, thereby extending the life of the device and saving money. If you do not want to send your device to a repair shop, you are in luck. The Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency has a "Fixit Kit," complete with all of the necessary tools to fix most electronic devices, including ones with proprietary screws or no screws at all. The fixit kit is available at the Agency's office, 20000 Plymire Rd., Red Bluff, and repairs can be done onsite. Tehama County residents can use the kit Monday through Friday 9AM-4PM on a first-come, first-served basis.

When electronic devices and other items are repaired instead of replaced, it lessens the impact to our environment and helps to extend the life of our landfill. While electronic devices are not put in the landfill because of the dangers they pose to the environment and to solid waste workers, they do contain many precious metals that cause damage to the earth when they are mined or improperly disposed of. Also, if items like smartphones are put in your trash, it ends 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 create hazards for people and animals, the way we use these items should change accordingly. Additional benefits to repairing your items include significant cost savings and pride in accomplishing a task all on your own. As products evolve, it is up to consumers to demand that the things they buy can be repaired economically.

For more information about the fixit kit or to find out how to properly dispose of electronic devices, contact the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency at 528-1103 or www.tehamacountylandfill.com.