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E-recycling Center Going Strong After Two Months

Cumberland County, PA – The Cumberland County Electronics Recycling Center has been open for barely two months and collections have surpassed all expectations. In its first 16 days of operation, the center has serviced more than 1,400 customers and has collected 137,623 pounds of electronics.

“We projected collecting around 300,000 pounds for the year,” said Justin C. Miller, coordinator of the County’s recycling programs. “We’ve only been open for about two months and have already collected more than a third of that.”

The center opened July 11 and in its first two days alone collected more than 17,160 pounds of materials. The response to the center has been extremely positive as anyone, regardless of residency, may bring their recyclable materials to the facility. Televisions are the most frequently recycled item, account for 72% of the items brought to the center.

The Electronics Recycling Center is open to the public from 2 - 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hours are subject to change depending on facility use, weather and daylight savings time. Current hours are posted at the facility and on the Recycling and Waste Authority’s website.

The center accepts televisions, computers and accessories, mobile devices, entertainment equipment, data center equipment and cable equipment. Please be aware that due to shipping requirements, televisions must be in one piece when brought for recycling; we are not able to accept a disassembled TV.

A fee of \$0.50 per pound of electronics recycled is charged to help offset the County’s costs for collecting, packaging, loading, shipping and recycling the materials. The recycler receives \$0.41 per pound of materials and the County covers all its costs with the remaining \$0.09 per pound. Cash, credit and debit card payments are accepted. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept personal checks. For those planning on recycling an unusually large load, please call in advance so accommodations can be made. In order to best serve the public, please be aware the recycling center is under 24 hour video surveillance and illegal dumping regulations will be enforced.

While the County's electronics recycling facility provides a stopgap measure to address the electronics recycling issue, a comprehensive electronics legislative solution is needed. The Commissioners continue to work with legislators to identify shortfalls of the existing legislation and develop long-term sustainable electronics recycling solutions. For more information about the County’s Electronics Recycling Center and the Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101), visit www.ccpa.net/recycling or call (717) 240-6489.

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