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Give Your Old Electronics a New Home

Cumberland County, Pa. – Did you get a new TV, computer, radio or other tech gadget for the Holidays? Don't know what to do with that old TV or computer? Bring it to the Cumberland County Electronics Recycling Center.

The center, which opened in July of 2017, accepts a range of electronic materials, including televisions, computers and accessories, mobile devices, entertainment equipment, data center equipment and cable equipment. To date, more than 300,000 pounds of electronics have passed through the center.

“Pennsylvania’s current electronics recycling law, passed in 2010, failed to provide the robust electronics recycling opportunities many thought it would,” said Justin Miller, coordinator of the County’s recycling and waste programs. “The County made a conscious decision to step in and fill the void. We opted to fund the center entirely with user fees, versus raising taxes on every property owner, and we have done our best to keep the fee as low as possible by using existing buildings, equipment and community service workers. An additional benefit of a user fee is we don’t have to worry where customers come from or whether or not they are a business, and believe me, we get customers from other counties and from businesses because there are so few electronics recycling opportunities out there, especially for televisions.”

The fee is \$0.50 per pound of electronics recycled and offsets the County’s costs for collecting, packaging, loading, shipping and recycling the materials. The recycling company receives \$0.41 per pound of materials and the County covers all its costs with the remaining \$0.09 per pound.

Materials can be recycled on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon – 4 p.m., and on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. The facility is closed on County Holidays and during inclement weather. Cash, credit and debit card payments are accepted. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept personal checks.

The County does remind the public that leaving your items at the center during non-operating hours, even with your contact information, is not permitted. The recycling center is under 24-hour video surveillance and illegal dumpers have been and will be pursued, in cooperation with local police. The County encourages all those wishing to recycle their items to double check the center's hours by visiting www.ccpa.net/recycling or calling (717) 240-6489.

For more information about the County's Electronics Recycling Center, visit www.ccpa.net/recycling.

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