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Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre accepting unwanted computers, TVs and other electronic equipment

Pembroke, ON: The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre (OVWRC) has been authorized by Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) to collect used electronics for recycling as part of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) program that was launched in Ontario on April 1.

“The Board is very pleased to be participating in this program,” comments Councillor Steve Bennett, Chairman of the Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board. **“Electronic waste can now be recycled which saves valuable landfill space.”**

Residents and businesses in OVWRC’s partner municipalities can drop off their e-waste free of charge at the OVWRC’s Hazardous or Special Waste Depot during normal operating hours. Please note that 24 hours notice is required for quantities greater than 10 units. The OVWRC will accept computers, CPUs, laptops, monitors, CRT monitors, LCD monitors, plasma monitors, TVs (less than 40”), combination TV/Computer displays (less than 40”), closed circuit displays, keyboards, mice, cables, drivers, desktop printers, photo printers, label/card printers, desktop/printer combinations and desktop fax machines. Other electronics such as cameras will be added in later phases of the WEEE program.

OES’s WEEE program is funded through fees paid to Ontario Electronic Stewardship by the brand owners, first importers into Ontario and assemblers of the products designated in the first phase. The funds will be used exclusively to pay for program costs including collection, transportation, consolidation, processing, research and development, and consumer information and education programs.

“The Centre will receive funding to off-set the costs of operating our WEEE program,” explains OVWRC General Manager, Sue McCrae. **“This funding has allowed us to offer this service to the community and given us an opportunity to divert additional waste from our landfill site.”**

WEEE received at the Centre is packaged and shipped to licensed processing facilities for recycling. Mrs. McCrae states that **“OES ensures facilities are processing material in an environmentally safe manner and that all components that can be recycled are.”**

For more information on the Centre’s operating hours and dropping off WEEE please visit www.ovwrc.com. For more information on the provincial funding program visit www.dowhatyoucan.ca.

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