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Earth Day E-Waste Recycling Event scheduled

The City of South Padre Island Environmental Health Services Department (EHSD) is hosting an Earth Day E-Waste Recycling Event. Join them on Saturday, April 20, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the South Padre Island Community Center, located at 4501 Padre Boulevard.

The Environmental Protection Agency reports that United States consumers and businesses discard televisions, computers, cell phones, and hard-copy peripherals (including printers, scanners, faxes) totaling 2.37 million tons per year.

Approximately twenty-five percent of these electronics were collected for recycling, with the remainder disposed of primarily in landfills, where the precious metals cannot be recovered. Chemicals such as lead, cadmium, and mercury found in e-waste are extremely hazardous to our health. The goal for EHSD and its partners is to provide an opportunity for safe and responsible recycling of unwanted electronics.

“This is a great opportunity for our community to properly dispose of electronics,” said Victor Baldovinos, Environmental Health director. “By participating, you will reduce the negative impact that improper disposal of e-waste would otherwise have on our delicate environment.” Vendors participating are Friends of Animal Rescue Center, Republic Services, RDA Technologies, and Sea Turtle Inc.

The community is encouraged to bring all their electronics and regular recycling to this one-stop Earth Day E-Waste Recycling Event. For further information, contact EHSD at (956) 761-8123.