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Welcome back to the Tuesday Tree Huggin' Tip!

Tip 14: eCycle all of your electronics

In our ever busy world we rely on an ever-growing and constantly changing supply of electronic products. With newer, more hi-tech electronics continuously becoming available to fit our lifestyles, we are replacing older models at rapid rates with no signs of slowing down. As a result, electronics are becoming one of the fastest growing portions of America's trash.

What You Can Do

- eCycle!—Keep electronics out of the trash!
- Refurbish, fix, or upgrade your equipment so you can continue to use it.
- Use some of the parts of an old system to build a new system.
- Donate your old electronics to a local charity or school for reuse or refurbishing.
- Drop off your old electronics to a local recycling program, such as a municipal or community program or a retail collection program.

Benefits of eCycling

Recycling or reusing old electronics can:

- **Conserve Natural Resources**

eCycling recovers valuable material from old electronics which can be used to make new products. Cutting down on the need to mine the earth for new raw materials, recycling and reusing electronics saves resources.

➤ **Protect the Environment**

Safely recycling and reusing electronics helps keep substances like lead and mercury from harming people or the environment.

➤ **Help Others**

Donating your old electronics lets someone else access technology he or she might not be able to afford otherwise.

➤ **Strengthen the Local Economy**

Recycling and reusing electronics creates jobs for professional recyclers and refurbishers and creates new markets for the valuable components that are dismantled.

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CHALLENGE: Earth Day – April 22 – is just around the corner! Consider setting up an eCycling station or drive at your property. This can be as simple as putting up a used cell-phone collection bin in the rental office or as thorough as having an eCycling specialist bring a unit on site to collect electronics. Here's a great website with all the resources to get you started: <http://www.eiae.org/> . Also, you can call our trash contractor, Green Waste Management, and ask them to help set up an eCycling event at your community; contact Ben Maldonado at bmaldonado@green-wm.com or 301-941-8723.

Yours in crunchiness,

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