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Recycle your unwanted electronics

Come out to the upcoming e-waste collection event or visit a York Region depot

NEWMARKET – Just in time for spring cleaning, The Regional Municipality of York, the Town of Aurora and Greentec invite residents to a special electronic waste (e-waste) collection event on Saturday, March 27th.

The one day only event takes place at Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex, 1400 Wellington Street in the Town of Aurora from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. York Region dropoff depots are also accessible year round at several locations throughout the Region.

Items big and small such as cell phones, ipods, digital cameras, computers, printers and televisions can be dropped off free-of-charge at the special event or one of York Region's depots. Taking the time to recycle an item as small as your cellphone makes a difference in protecting the environment and increasing diversion.

Locations of York Region dropoff depots:

- Georgina Waste Transfer Station, 23068 Warden Avenue, Town of Georgina
- York Region Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Depot, 225 Garfield Wright Boulevard, Town of East Gwillimbury
- Markham Household Hazardous Waste Depot, West side of Rodick Road between 14th Avenue and Miller Avenue, Town of Markham
- Vaughan Household Hazardous Waste Depot, 2840 Rutherford Road, City of Vaughan
- York Region Community Environmental Centre (CEC), 130 McCleary Court, City of Vaughan

Electronic materials can contain harmful substances such as mercury, lead and cadmium. Recycling e-waste rather than dropping it at the curb ensures materials will be recycled, reused or disposed of responsibly, all while diverting unnecessary waste from landfill. Recycling electronics allows us to reuse valuable and limited resources and reduce the need to mine for raw materials such as steel, copper, aluminum and precious metals.

Over 1,000 tonnes of electronic waste was collected at York Region depots in 2009.

Residents are encouraged to take electronics that still work to organizations that will reuse and refurbish them. Electronics that are at the end of their life and no longer work can be dropped off for recycling at York Region's Household Hazardous Waste Depots or special collection events. For additional reuse and recycling locations, visit www.dowhatyoucan.ca

For more information on York Region public depots including acceptable materials and hours of operation, please call 1-877-464-9675 or visit www.york.ca/waste

For more information on The Regional Municipality of York, please visit www.york.ca

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