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Johnson County Hosts Last Electronic Recycling Event of 2014 in October

(JOHNSON COUNTY, KS) October 6, 2014 – The Johnson County Household Hazardous Materials Collection Program will once again be collecting electronic waste for recycling in addition to household hazardous waste (HHW) on October 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This event will mark the last of the 2014 electronic collection events.

Residents can dispose of household hazardous chemicals year round, by appointment only.

Residents of Johnson County who wish to participate must make an appointment to drop off their electronic waste and HHW for recycling, and may do so by calling 913-715-6907. Last month's event was a huge success resulting in nearly 10,000 lbs. of electronics being recycled. In addition approximately 500 gallons of latex paint was recycled and returned to the community.

Accepted electronic items are any electronic devices that have a cord or batteries including cameras, CD players, cell phones, all computer equipment, faxes, printers, video games, small kitchen appliances and more. All items are recycled for free, except CRT (tube) televisions smaller than 27 inches (\$20 fee) and wooden console televisions and CRTs larger than 27 inches (\$40 fee). Only cash and checks are accepted. More information can be found on MRC Recycling website at www.midwrc.net

Electronics including TVs, computers, cell phones, and many other items contain usable materials such as plastics and metals. They also contain several chemicals that should be kept out of a landfill. So before you toss that old cell phone or computer, printer or TV; recycle it.

The HHW facility is open year round and accepts appointments for household hazardous waste throughout the week. Electronic waste is only accepted during the special collection event. For more information call 913-715-6907 or go online at www.jocogov.org/dept/health-and-environment/environment/hazardous-materials/hazardous-waste

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About Johnson County, Kansas

Located in the southwestern quadrant of the Kansas City Metropolitan Region, Johnson County, Kansas is a community of choice with a current population of more than 550,000, making it the most populated of the 105 counties in Kansas, but traditionally having the lowest mill levy in the state. For more information visit the county's website at www.jocogov.org.