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CRRA Announces Fall Electronics Recycling Collections Events Scheduled in Essex, Torrington, Darien; More to Be Announced

HARTFORD, Conn. – Electronics continue to become more powerful and less expensive, so more and more people are replacing their computers, VCRs, cellular telephones, printers, answering machines and other electronic gear. But what to do with the old units?

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA) will provide the answer with another series of its popular consumer electronics recycling collections this fall.

“Thousands of Connecticut residents have turned to CRRA to provide safe, free disposal of their residential electronics under this program,” said Thomas P. Gaffey, CRRA manager of recycling and enforcement. “Since we began these recycling programs in 1999, we have kept more than two million pounds of electronics from being buried in landfills.”

The pileup of used electronics is becoming a nationwide concern:

- Americans will scrap about 400 million units of consumer electronics each year in this decade, according to the International Association of Electronics Recyclers.
- Between 2000 and 2007, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that over 500 million personal computers will become obsolete.
- U.S. EPA estimates that up to 130 million cell phones will be discarded in 2005.

“By far, this has been CRRA’s most popular program,” Gaffey said. “We have had more requests about this topic than any other on our Web site. Connecticut’s residents are extremely environmentally aware, and almost instinctively have held onto their old computers, televisions, and other electronic equipment, not wanting to throw them in the trash.”

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CRRA has three electronics recycling collections scheduled this fall:

- **Saturday, Sept. 17, in Essex**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the CRRA transfer station, Town Dump Road (off Exit 4 of Route 9). This collection is open to residents of Mid-Connecticut Project-member towns only.
- **Saturday, Oct. 1, in Torrington**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Torrington Water Pollution Control on Bogue Road. This collection is open to residents of Mid-Connecticut Project-member towns only.
- **Saturday, Oct. 22, in Darien**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Darien Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Drive. This collection is open to residents of Bridgeport Project-member towns only.

More dates will be announced.

Those interested in participating should call their city or town public works departments to see whether their towns are eligible and which collection will accept their recyclables.

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for – and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA’s new board of directors and new management team develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through its Visitors Center and Trash Museum in Hartford and Children’s Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org>.

Editors: A list of towns served by CRRA’s Mid-Connecticut, Wallingford and Bridgeport projects is attached.



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CRRR Mid-Connecticut Project Towns

Avon
Barkhamsted
Beacon Falls
Bethlehem
Bloomfield
Bolton
Canaan
Canton
Chester
Clinton
Colebrook
Cornwall
Coventry
Cromwell
Deep River
Durham
East Granby
East Hampton

East Hartford
East Windsor
Ellington
Enfield
Essex
Farmington
Glastonbury
Goshen
Granby
Guilford
Haddam
Hartford
Harwinton
Hebron
Killingworth
Litchfield
Lyme
Madison

Manchester
Marlborough
Middlebury
Middlefield
Naugatuck
New Hartford
Newington
Norfolk
North Branford
North Canaan
Old Lyme
Old Saybrook
Oxford
Portland
Rocky Hill
Roxbury
Salisbury
Sharon

Simsbury
South Windsor
Southbury
Suffield
Thomaston
Tolland
Torrington
Vernon
Waterbury
Watertown
West Hartford
Westbrook
Wethersfield
Winchester
Windsor Locks
Woodbury

CRRR Bridgeport Project Towns

Bethany
Bridgeport
Darien
East Haven
Easton
Fairfield

Greenwich
Milford
Monroe
New Canaan (delivers
recyclables but not
trash)

Norwalk
Orange
Shelton
Stamford
Stratford
Trumbull

Weston
Westport
Wilton
Woodbridge

CRRR Wallingford Project Towns

Cheshire
Hamden

Meriden
North Haven

Wallingford