



CRRA Announces Spring Electronics Recycling Collections

Popular Program has Collected 1 Million Pounds of Electronics in Four-Year Span

HARTFORD, June 2, 2003 - Building on its highly successful and popular recycling program, the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA) today announced it will hold a series of consumer electronics recycling collection this spring. Current plans call for four collections in May and June, although more dates may be added.

“Thousands of Connecticut residents have turned to CRRA to provide safe, FREE disposal of their residential electronic products under this program,” stated CRRA Recycling Division Head Thomas Gaffey. “I’m happy to report that we have collected well over 1 million pounds of electronic products in 29 collections, and we’re expecting to build on that success in this, our fourth year.”

CRRA has collected the following residential electronic items:

- Computers, including monitors and CPUs.
- Printers
- Fax machines
- Copiers
- Televisions
- VCRs
- Radios and stereo equipment

“We’re proud of the recycling efforts of our cities and towns,” stated CRRA President Thomas D. Kirk. “Now, by recycling this new category of waste, we’re able to recapture consumer electronics, taking them—and their components—out of the waste stream.

“These products contain heavy metals such as lead and cadmium, and if they were not recycled, there is a good chance they would have ended up at one of Connecticut’s resources recovery facilities,” explained Kirk. “While CRRA’s four facilities are equipped with state-of-the-art emissions controls to protect the air from the combustion process, recycling is a much better choice.”

Connecticut’s largest recycler leads the way

In 1999, CRRA first extended its recycling activities from paper, plastic, and bottles into an entirely new arena: *residential* electronic products. And last year, CRRA teamed up with an innovative corporate stewardship program by electronics manufacturers Panasonic, Sharp and SONY. The three effectively “took back” their old items by paying to recycle their own items that are turned in at CRRA’s collections.

“By far, this has been CRRA’s most popular program,” Gaffey stated. “We have had more requests about this topic than any other on our web page. 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.

“Working with one of the leading electronics recyclers in the country, we give them the opportunity to do the right thing with their old electronics.”

Two dates set for Wallingford Project towns;
Mid-Connecticut and Bridgeport Project dates are below.

The electronics recycling collections will be held in CRRA’s Wallingford, Bridgeport and Mid-Connecticut Project communities.

- **Saturday, May 3 in Meriden**: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Meriden Public Works Department
- **Saturday, May 31 in North Haven**: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the North Haven High School.
- **Saturday, June 14, 2003**: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mid-CT Project Recycling Facility on 211 Murphy Road in Hartford.*
- **Saturday, June 21, 2003**: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Stratford Recycling Facility at 1410 Honeyspot Road Extension in Stratford.*

* Please note, the Mid-CT event is for ONLY those residents of Mid-CT Project towns. Similarly, the Stratford event is ONLY for residents of those Bridgeport Project & SWEROC Towns as follows: Bethany, Bridgeport, Darien, East Haven, Easton, Fairfield, Greenwich, Milford, Monroe, New Canaan, Norwalk, Orange, Shelton, Stamford, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport, Wilton, Woodbridge.

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