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CRRA to Increase its Electronics Recycling in 2007; State's Largest Recycler Schedules 15 Collection Events Agency Has Taken in 2.6 Million Pounds of Devices Since 1997

HARTFORD, Conn. – Connecticut's largest recycler is dramatically increasing its electronics recycling in 2007.

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority has scheduled nine residential electronics collections in April, May and June and six more in September, October and November for a total of 15 events in 2007, its most collections ever.

Last year, CRRA's 14 collections took in a total of 656,986 pounds of old televisions, computer equipment, cellular telephones and other broken, unwanted or obsolete devices. Since CRRA began its electronics recycling program in 1999, 33,328 families have delivered more than 2.6 million pounds of electronics.

"CRRA's incredibly successful electronics recycling program has provided Connecticut residents for the past seven years with the opportunity to safely recycle their computers and other electronics and now were expanding. That's good for the environment," said Thomas P. Gaffey, CRRA's head of recycling.

CRRA contracts with Amandi Services, the nation's leader in electronics recycling, to keep these items out of the waste stream. Amandi dismantles items into their raw materials, such as copper, steel, aluminum, glass and plastic, which are sold to processors who turn them into new products. Information about Amandi's processes can be found online at <http://www.amandi.com/dismantle.php>.

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.

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In all, CRRA will sponsor nine electronics recycling collections this spring:

- **Saturday, April 14, in Wilton**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wilton High School, 395 Danbury Road. This collection is for residents of Bridgeport Project towns only.
- **Saturday, April 21, 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 for residents of Mid-Connecticut Project towns only.
- **Saturday, April 28, in Hartford**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the CRRA Trash Museum, 211 Murphy Road. This collection is for residents of Mid-Connecticut Project towns only.
- **Saturday, May 5, in Fairfield**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fairfield Warde High School, 755 Melville Avenue. This collection is for residents of Bridgeport Project towns only.
- **Saturday, May 12, in Cheshire**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cheshire High School, 525 South Main Street. This collection is for residents of Wallingford Project towns only.
- **Saturday, May 19, in Enfield**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Stanley Jablonski Public Works Complex, 40 Moody Road. This collection is for residents of Mid-Connecticut Project towns only.
- **Saturday, June 2, in Harwinton**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Torrington Water Pollution Control Plant, 252 Bogue Road. This collection is for residents of Mid-Connecticut Project towns only.
- **Saturday, June 23, in Waterbury**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Waterbury Waste Water Treatment Facility, 210 Municipal Road. This collection is for residents of Mid-Connecticut Project towns only.
- **Saturday, June 30, in Stamford**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Scalzi Park, Bridge Street. This collection is for residents of Bridgeport Project towns only.

Those interested in participating should call their city or town public works departments or visit http://www.crra.org/pages/project_map.htm to see whether their towns are eligible and which collection will accept their recyclables. The full schedule, including additional events scheduled for the fall, is online at http://www.crra.org/pages/schedule_electronics.htm .

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’s four solid waste projects serve 118 Connecticut cities and towns. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through the Trash Museum in Hartford and Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org> .



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BACKGROUND

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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