

News Release: Free Disposal of Old Electronics - April 2002

ARC Broward announces a new partnership with the Broward County Office of Integrated Waste Management to develop a pilot program to collect and refurbish or de-manufacture end-of-life electronics. This newly formed partnership provides Broward County an alternative solution for disposal of old electronics - ARC Broward Electronics Recycling Services.

The pilot program is anticipated to be a cost-effective and an environmentally beneficial method of reducing residential and small business end-of-life electronics that could contain potentially hazardous materials such as lead and mercury. The initial focus will be an attempt to reach every household and small business in Broward County and encourage recycling of retired electronics including computers, monitors, televisions, VCRs, telecommunication devices, copiers, printers and fax machines.

ARC Broward Electronics Recycling Services delivers numerous opportunities for ARC Broward and Broward County. First and foremost, it provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities to learn valuable and marketable employment skills. Individuals with disabilities will learn to collect and sort electronics and, to some degree, refurbish or recycle. Second, it provides Broward County residents and small businesses with an environmentally safe alternative for disposal of electronics. 14 million to 20 million computers alone are retired each year in the United States and it is estimated that only 10% to 15% are reused or recycled.

Broward County residents, small businesses, not-for-profits and government entities can now dispose of their old electronics in an environmentally safe manner by bringing their old electronics to several drop off collection sites throughout Broward County.

If you are a Broward County resident and would like to donate your retired electronics, you can do so, free of charge at any one of the following drop-off locations:

- ARC Broward, 10250 NW 53rd Street, Sunrise from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday (By appointment only, call (954) 577-4160).
- Broward County's South Trash Transfer Station, 5601 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd., Hollywood from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm every Saturday.
- Broward County's North Trash Transfer Station, 2780 N. Powerline Road, Pompano from 8:00 am - 3:00 PM every Saturday.
- Broward County's North Trash Transfer Station, 2780 N. Powerline Road, Pompano from 8:00 am - 3:00 PM the 2nd Friday of each month starting on March 8th, 2002 (Small Businesses Only)

You must show proof of Broward County residency. You can also receive a tax deduction for your donation. For additional information, please contact ARC Broward Electronics Recycling Services at (954) 577-4160 or email electronicsrecycling@arcbroward.com.