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CLEARWATER TIMES

EWaste pickup at Safety Mart parking lot

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Do you still have an old computer gathering dust in the back of a closet? Last October, Clearwater and area residents brought in seven tons of electronic waste to an eWaste collection day at the Elks Lodge.

Next Saturday, July 25, Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Encorp Pacific and Safety Mart Foods will cooperate to put on another eWaste recycling day in the parking lot at Brookfield Mall, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

"People can be happy to know that their electronic waste is being recycled in a responsible manner," said Martin Dickson, environmental services technologist with the TNRD. "There's no shipping offshore and no poor working conditions for the workers doing the recycling."

Acceptable products will include desktop computers desktop servers, computers, computers with built-in monitors, keyboards, mice, laptops, tablet computers, desktop printers, label/card printers, fax machines, computer monitors, televisions, combination TV/VCRs, and closed circuit monitors.

Non-Acceptable Products include computer monitors with broken screens, heavily damaged electronics, cash registers, external routers and modems,

medical equipment, video game systems, speakers, cameras, projectors, personal handheld devices, receipt printers, photocopiers, VCR, DVD and BETA players, batteries, CDs, printer cartridges, cell phones, stereos, and speakers.

For more information on what is acceptable and non-acceptable contact the TNRD at 1-877-377-8673 or visit www.electronicsrecyclingbc.ca.

"A really great aspect of this initiative is that it is largely financed by Encorp Pacific.

This organization delivers the mandate of the Electronic Stewardship Associate of British Columbia (ESABC); the product steward that handles those environmental levies that we all pay when we purchase electronics," said Dickson.

Legislation developed by the B.C. Ministry of Environment requires industry and users of electronic products to take life-cycle responsibility for the products they produce and use

"In the past the funds generated from those environmental levies have paid for the recycling of electronics with higher population densities. We as local government are really excited with the progress that both ESABC and Encorp Pacific are making in offering this service to our more rural

communities," the TNRD official added.









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