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RE: Computer Recycling Event

From October 30 – November 15, 2004, residents and businesses can now support schools and the environment by recycling their old computers at all Washington Staples stores. Outdated or nonworking computers comprise a large portion of a growing waste stream known as electronic waste or "e-waste." Proper disposal is important due the toxic components of e-waste, but providing collection programs through local government can be too costly for many local agencies to maintain. Local governments are working with retailers and manufacturers to establish product stewardship systems for recycling electronic products.

Staples will accept computers for recycling during regular store hours from Oct. 30-Nov. 15 at all stores in Washington state. A \$10 donation—which will go to support local schools—will be charged per system*. Customers will also receive a store discount coupon. Residents and businesses can use the program, with a limit of three systems per customer, per day.

*A system includes a desktop computer and monitor, or laptop computer, along with accompanying keyboard, mouse, and speakers. They will not accept printers, scanners, external modems, or TVs.

Staples stores near Mason County:

Aberdeen: 1109 E Wishkah Blvd (Grays Harbor Co.) Olympia: 1200 Cooper Point Rd (Thurston Co.) Silverdale: 2850 Bucklin Hill Rd #101 (Kitsap Co.) Port Orchard: 1805 SE Lund Ave (Kitsap Co.)

For more information, please go to www.staples.com/recycle.

Please direct any additional questions about recycling programs to Shannon McClelland, Recycling Coordinator, 360-432-5126.

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