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Statewide Events Slated for Nevada Recycles Day

CARSON CITY - Electronic waste recycling events are planned in southern and northern Nevada to commemorate Nevada Recycles Day on November 15, according to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP).

In northern Nevada, Computer Corps will team with NDEP on November 18 for an event in the Computer Corps parking lot at 6373 U.S. Highway 50 East in Carson City from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 18th. Items that will be accepted include: keyboards, mice, monitors, desktop and laptop computers, printers, printer cartridges, stereos, copiers and fax machines. Televisions, cell phone batteries and rechargeable batteries will not be accepted.

Computer Corps is striving to place working computers in the homes of people who don't currently have access to home computers. The company exchanges working computers for community service through local church, school and civic organizations.

In southern Nevada, The Blind Center of Nevada will team with Opportunity Village and NDEP on November 18 to hold the first of a series of computer recycling events for the dual purposes of protecting the environment and showcasing the capabilities of blind, visually impaired and disable individuals in the Las Vegas valley.

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to noon in KNPR's parking lot on the campus of Community College of Southern Nevada at the corner of Charleston and Torrey Pines. Items that may be recycled include: keyboards, mice; monitors; printers and printer cartridges; batteries including nickel cadmium, lithium ion and most other consumer rechargeable batteries, as well as cell phone batteries. Copiers, fax machines, televisions and stereos will not be accepted. Well-known local group, the Dummkopf's, will perform from 8 to 10 a.m. Identical twin singers and concert pianists Mark and Clark will perform from 10 a.m. to noon.

"E-waste, as it is known, is a growing environmental problem nationally and in northern Nevada," said Chet Sergent, recycling coordinator for NDEP in northern Nevada. "New computers are coming onto the market at a rapid rate, putting more and more obsolete equipment into the waste stream. These events, being held in concert with America Recycles Day, are a great step forward in addressing the e-waste problem in northern Nevada."

Electronic products contain small amounts of hazardous materials such as lead, mercury, and cadmium that environmental officials don't want deposited in landfills.

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For more information on America Recycles Day visit <http://americarecyclesday.org/> and for information NDEP's recycling program, visit <http://ndep.nv.gov/recycl/recycle.htm>

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