

Join us for our 2nd community-wide “e-cycling” event for area businesses and individuals as Richland County continues to lead the way in Montana! *



e-erase your e-waste!

Friday & Saturday
September 8-9, 2006

e-cycling - Why we need it!

Studies estimate that 315 to 600 million desktop and laptop computers in the U.S. will soon be obsolete. Discarded consumer electronics are the fastest growing portion of our waste stream...growing almost 3 times faster than overall municipal waste!

One report estimates that a pile of these obsolete computers would reach a mile high and cover six acres. *That's the same as a 22-story pile of e-waste covering the entire 472 square miles of Los Angeles!*

Computers and monitors contain lead, mercury, cadmium, other metals, and a range of toxic plastics, all known to adversely impact human health even at small quantities. For example, just 1/70th of a teaspoon of mercury can make the fish in a 20-acre lake unfit to eat.

But e-cycling can help reverse this trend, expanding the life of our landfills and ensuring a healthier environment since 98.5% of all e-waste materials can be reused in some other form!

USDA-ARS Northern Plains Ag Research Lab
Parking Lot • 1500 N. Central • Sidney, MT

Times:

Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Our e-cycler:

Tatooine Electronic Systems, Inc.
Cheyenne, WY / Billings, MT

Cost:

40 cents per pound on all eligible items

* Last year's e-cycling event in Sidney was only the 2nd ever held in the state and has become a model for others, according to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. That agency has adopted our “e-erase your e-waste” slogan and is providing promotional support for e-cycling efforts in communities across the state. Other cities hosting e-cycling events in 2006 are: *Kalispell* (July 15), *Missoula* (July 29), *Butte* (Aug. 24), *Helena* (Sept. 15-16), *Bozeman* (Oct. 21) and *Billings* (TBA).