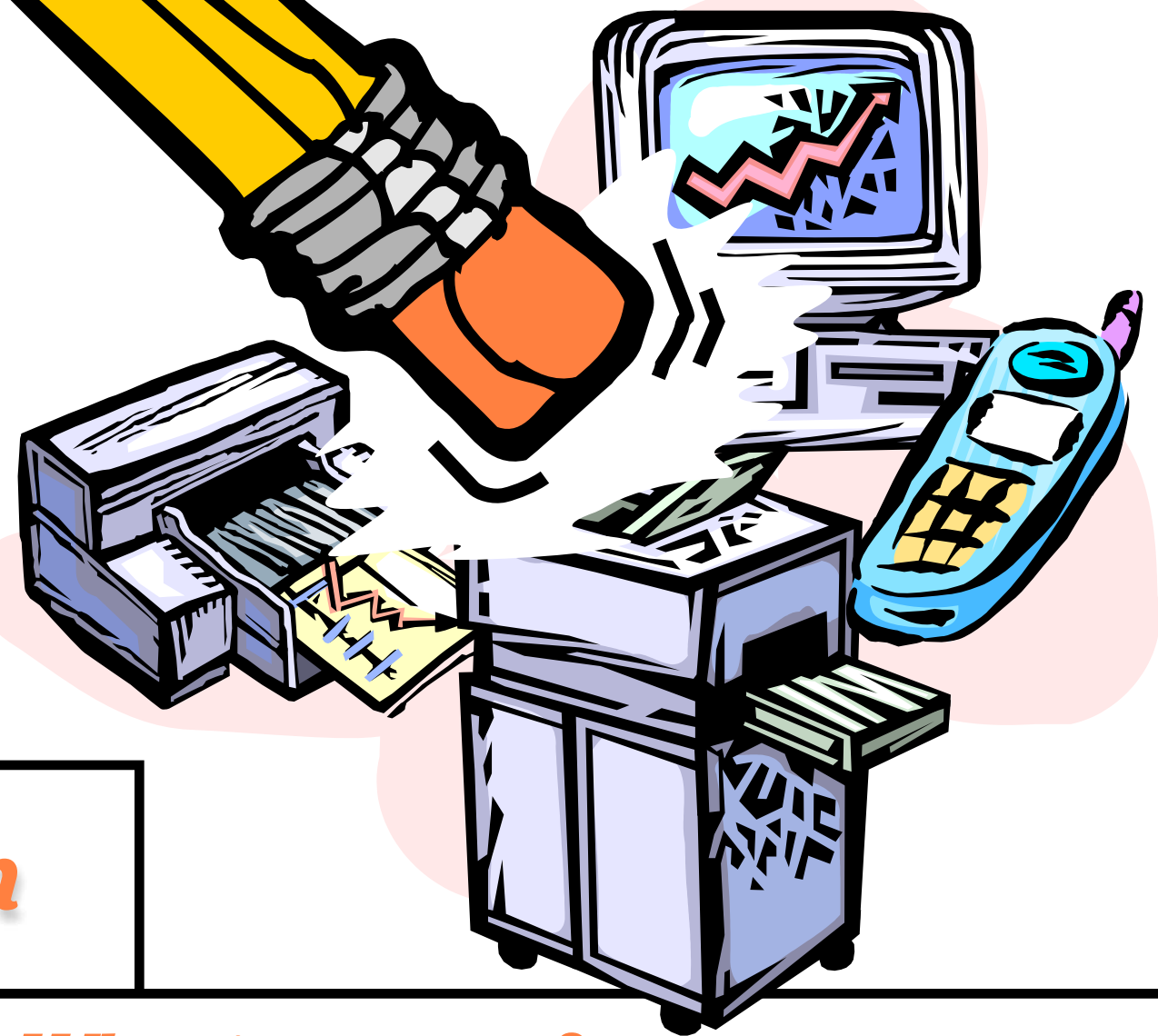


# e-erase your e-waste!

*Informational meeting on community  
"e-cycling" opportunity for area  
businesses and individuals!*



**Wednesday, April 20 • 7 pm**

USDA-ARS Northern Plains Ag Research Lab  
Tech Transfer Rm. • 1500 N. Central • Sidney, MT

*USDA-ARS* in Sidney, the *Richland County LEPC*, and the local *RSVP program* and *CERT volunteers* are coordinating this community "e-cycling" day for area residents on Friday-Saturday, June 24-25, 2005. The event is being conducted with *Tatooine Electronic Systems, Inc.*, an electronic recycling company located in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Representatives from Tatooine will be present at the *April 20 Meeting* to answer your questions on e-waste and e-cycling. Everyone is invited to attend.

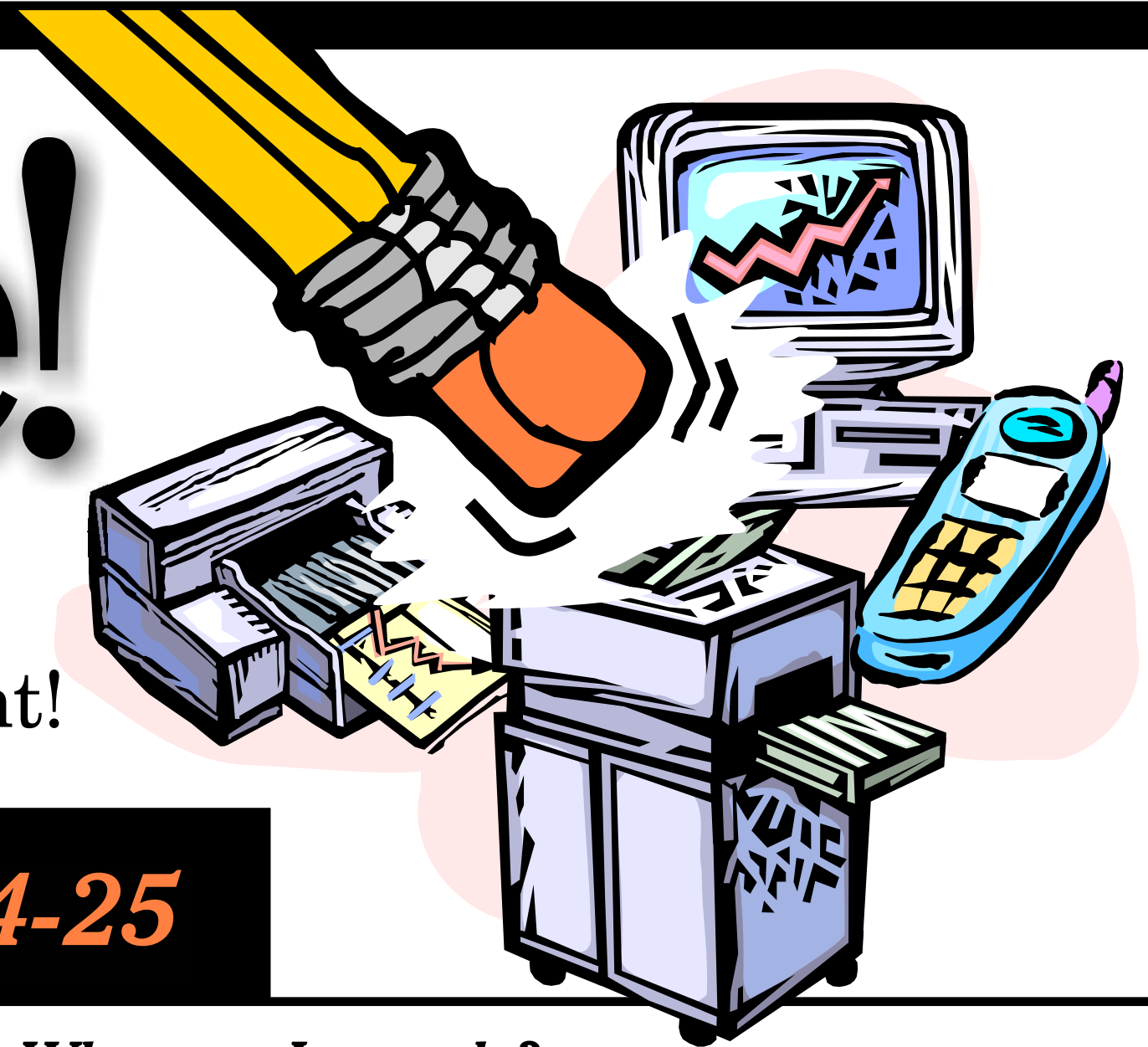
*For more information, contact Jackie Couture at 406-433-9422.*

## **What is e-waste?**

E-waste is a popular, informal name for electronic products nearing the end of their "useful life." Computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, copiers, mobile phones and fax machines are common electronic products and make up one of the fastest growing segments of our nation's waste stream. The National Safety Council projects that nearly 250 million computers will become obsolete in the next five years and mobile phones are being discarded at a rate of 130 million per year. Computer monitors and older TV picture tubes contain an average of four pounds of lead and require special handling at the end of their lives. In addition to lead, electronics can contain chromium, cadmium, mercury, beryllium, nickel, zinc, and brominated flame retardants, presenting problems if not disposed of properly. eCycling is reusing or recycling of these consumer electronics.

# e-cycle!

e-rase your e-waste...  
at our Community e-cycling Event!



**Friday & Saturday, June 24-25**

8 am-6 pm on Friday and 8 am-3 pm on Saturday

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1500 North Central • Sidney, Montana**

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## **What can I e-cycle?**

Almost anything that plugs in or has a battery – excluding all appliances, except microwaves – is eligible. Examples are: computers and their components, cell phones, televisions, fax machines, slide projectors, copiers, VCRs, stereos and more.

## **What will it cost?\***

For this special event, Tatoonie Electronic Systems, Inc. will charge 40 cents per pound for all eligible items. There may be an additional charge if an official record is needed certifying that an item was properly disposed of or destroyed.

**\* Please note:** E-waste in Montana is not yet regulated and in most instances can legally be disposed of in any landfill. The items, however, do contain toxic substances, which prompts many individuals and businesses to opt for e-cycling.