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SIGN UP FOR FREE EWASTE DISPOSAL

Protect the Environment from Hazardous Materials

HONOLULU — There is still time for schools, non-profits, government agencies and small businesses to register for free electronics recycling through the University of Hawaii's Education and Government eWaste Disposal Days program. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, "Electronic waste contributes 70% of the toxins found in U.S. landfills (lead, mercury, cadmium, etc.), while only contributing 2% of the volume of materials in landfills."

Computers, cell phones, televisions and other electronics contain hazardous elements such as arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, germanium, lead, mercury, silver, or zinc. The university's ewaste recycling program is designed to prevent these toxic materials from being released into our soil, groundwater and air.

Pre-registration for daily drop off slots from October 27 to October 29 at seven locations on O'ahu, Kaua'i, Maui and the Big Island of Hawai'i is available at: <http://www.hawaii.edu/ewaste>.

The UH Education and Government eWaste Disposal Days program is open to:

- All public or private schools or universities
- All City, County, State or Federal/Military branches
- Small to medium sized businesses (of less than 100 employees)
- Non-profit organizations

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No registration is required for Hawai'i residents who wish to recycle their unwanted personal electronics at any of the seven locations on Saturday, October 30 between 9:00am and 3:00pm. Drop off sites are located at six UH campuses and Kealakehe High School in Kailua-Kona.

Maps to the drop off sites and a list of electronics items that will be accepted are also available at: <http://www.hawaii.edu/ewaste>.

Education & Government eWaste Disposal Days 2010 provides an opportunity for safe and environmentally friendly disposal of ewaste regardless of the manufacturer, free of charge. All equipment collected will be processed in North America in an environmentally responsible way and recycled into commodity grade materials such as metals, plastics and glass. Recycling and disposal services are provided courtesy of Apple.

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