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Electronics Now Accepted for Waukeee Spring Clean-Up

Residents can drop off electronics to be recycled on May 4

Waukeee, IA - April 25, 2024 - Waukeee's annual Spring Clean-Up now includes electronics recycling. On Saturday, May 4, residents can drop off electronics for free disposal.

"This is a data safety measure in addition to reducing electronics waste in the landfill," said Rudy Koester, Public Works Director.

Many electronic devices retain data, including those people may not think about, such as printers. Data on all recycled devices is destroyed for free by Electronic Asset Security, a R2v3 certified electronics recycler. Official Certificates of Destruction are available for a fee of \$10 per device, although they are not required to ensure data is responsibly disposed of.

Residents can drop laptops, TVs, keyboards, speakers, printers, routers, phones, e-readers and more at 1205 6th Street (near the water tower by the former Public Works facility and bulk water sales station) on Saturday, May 4, 2024, between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. (noon). Most items are accepted free of charge, with some exceptions for items like CRTs and TVs that have a [small fee](#).

Electronic products contain metals, plastics and glass, which all require energy to mine and manufacture. Donating or recycling consumer electronics conserves natural resources and reduces pollution from manufacturing virgin materials. A [U.S. Geological Survey](#) estimated that recycling one million laptops saves the energy equivalent to the electricity used by more than 3,500 U.S. homes in a year and recycling one million cell phones recovers 35 thousand pounds of copper, 772 pounds of silver, 75 pounds of gold and 33 pounds of palladium.

Devices that have lithium-ion batteries should NOT go in household garbage or recycling bins.

"Rechargeable batteries contain hazardous material that is highly flammable and can start on fire when the shell is cracked, which can easily happen with the pressure of heavy garbage collection equipment," Koester said.

Other Disposal Sites for Saturday, May 4 , 8 a.m. to noon

Household Hazardous Waste (FREE) - Vince Meyer Learning Center parking lot (445 5th Street)

As residents spring clean garages, basements and cupboards, they can set aside household hazardous waste, such as acid, rechargeable batteries, oil, antifreeze, lawn fertilizer, pesticides, pool chemicals, oil-based paints or aerosols, that should not be placed in regular garbage. Residents can bring household hazardous waste for free disposal on May 4. Sharps must be contained in detergent bottles or sharps containers (not milk jugs or soda pop bottles). Lids to sharps containers must be taped.

Items not accepted at the drop-off site:

- Ammunition/explosives
- Asbestos
- Dry cement mix
- Fire extinguishers
- Joint compound
- Latex paint (cans of dried out latex paint can be placed in garbage bins with the regular trash)
- Medications
- Propane tanks
- Radioactive materials

Appliance and Tire Drop-off - 1205 6th Street (near the water tower)

Appliances must be cleared of food, household hazardous waste and garbage prior to drop-off. Accepted items include washers, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, furnaces, water heaters, stoves, etc.

Up to five car tires may be dropped off free of charge. The drop-off fee for each additional car tire will cost \$1, and semi-truck and tractor tire drop-offs will cost \$5 each. Cash will be the only form of payment accepted. Rims will not be accepted.

For more information, visit Waukee.org/SpringCleanUp. For specific garbage-related questions, call Ankeny Sanitation, Inc. (ASI) at 515-964-5229.

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