

## **Press Release**

### **Electronic Waste Depot Day in Perth**

If you are like most of us, you probably have a few broken or obsolete household appliances or electronics lurking in your basement, closets or attic. It just didn't seem right to throw them out, and the only alternative seemed to be to store them. Well, the alternative is finally here! It's the first Electronic Waste Depot Day to be held in the Perth area.

This event is being hosted by the Town of Perth, and will take place on Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon at the Perth Landfill Site on Wildlife Road, just a few kilometers south of town on County Road 1. Although the Town did all the organizing, it only made sense to invite other municipalities in Lanark County to participate. The great news is that ALL municipalities in Lanark County, including Smiths Falls, took up Perth's offer to participate in the depot, and to cost-share the program costs.

That means that Lanark County residents can bring all their worn out electronics and small household appliances to the depot. Everything will be sorted and put on pallets, and then transported by Wills Transfer to Artex, a company in Toronto that specializes in recycling electronic and other household appliances. Artex shreds the incoming stream, separates the materials into various streams and then markets those streams to end markets, primarily in North America. Both Artex and Wills Transfer have partnered with the town to keep the total costs to run the depot as low possible.

The depot will accept computers, monitors, printers, televisions, fax machines, toasters, kettles, power tools or pretty well anything else that plugs in. The only appliances the depot CANNOT accept are large appliances, like stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, washers, dryers and the like. And please, no household hazardous waste – those should be stored up and brought to the Carleton Place depot when it opens again next spring.

There is no charge for dropping your e-waste off at this depot, but you do need to be a resident of Lanark County, so bring some identification with your address. The depot is only open between 9 am and noon on the 20th, so if you cannot make it during that time slot, then see if a friend or neighbour can take your electronics in with them. Do not under any circumstances leave materials at the landfill site gate before or after the depot. This is a pilot project, and we want it to be a successful as possible so we can run it in future years, hopefully with different municipalities hosting it each time.

It's great to see this sort of cooperation amongst the various towns and townships. Maybe it will open the door for more and different cooperative waste diversion programs in the future. If you have any questions, please contact the Town of Perth at 613 267-3311.

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