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RE: Changing Face of Electronic Recycling

New State requirements for E-Waste recycling and disposal went into effect April 1, 2011.

The New York State E-waste law will change the way all electronics manufacturers do business and will also change the way residents are required to recycle electronic waste.

The new collection site for all Madison County e-waste and Central New York is located at LOJO Technology, 327 Farrier Ave., in Oneida, NY a subsidiary of Madison Cortland ARC in cooperation with the Madison County Department of Solid Waste and Sanitation. **There will be no charge for any E-waste recycled at this facility.**

The new E-Waste Collection facility will open for business Monday, April 18, 2011. Hours of operation will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

To make the transition to the new electronics collection system as easy as possible, Madison County will continue to act as a collection site for televisions and computer monitors. The County will continue to charge one punch on the punch card system for televisions and computer monitors dropped off at any of the four transfer stations. This fee is to cover the transportation and handling costs.

The following is a list of electronics that will be accepted, **for free**, at the new collection facility at LOJO Technology at 327 Farrier Ave. in Oneida.

Computers; televisions, small scale servers, computer peripherals, monitors, electronic keyboards and mice or similar pointing devices, fax machines, scanners, printers, VCRs, DVRs, Portable Digital Music Players, DVD Players, Digital Converter Boxes, Cable or Satellite Receivers, Electronic or Video Game Consoles. Also accepted are: cell phones, cash registers, typewriters, PDA's, digital cameras, telephones and stereo equipment.

Questions on the new electronics program can be answered by calling the Recycling Hot Line at 1-800-721-2208 or the Madison-Cortland ARC at 363-3014.

The new state law will eventually prohibit the disposal of electronic waste in New York State by all consumers; beginning January 1, 2012 for businesses and municipalities and January 1, 2015 for individuals and households, according to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).