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RE: NO e-waste in the trash

As of January 1, 2015 no one, individual, household or business may dispose of e-waste as trash!

The New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act prohibits certain types of electronic waste from being placed in the trash, or at curbside for trash pickup.

“The main thing for residents and businesses to remember is that e-waste **CAN NOT** be disposed of in the trash!” said James Zecca, Director of the Madison County Dept. of Solid Waste and Sanitation. There are other alternatives for recycling e-waste. Residents can call the Recycling Hot Line at 1-800-721-2208 or go to the New York State DEC web site, <http://bit.ly/NYewaste>

In Madison County, e-waste will continue to be handled as it has been in the past. Televisions, computer monitors and all the peripherals can be recycled at Gary’s Auto in Oneida. All other electronics can be recycled at LOJO’S Technology on Farrier Ave. in Oneida. The cost of disposal at Gary’s Auto is by donation, ranging from \$2 for a 20-inch TV to \$10 for a 30-inch TV.

For those in the far reaches of Madison County, who do not want to drive to Oneida; televisions and computer monitors can still be dropped off at any of the County’s four transfer stations for one punch on the punch card. Now through the end of December 2014 the cost to dispose of one television or one monitor would be \$2.70. As of January 1, 2015 the price of punch cards will increase to \$14.00 or \$2.80 for one punch.

Citing the potential for environmental harm from improperly disposing electronics, DEC Commissioner Joe Martens urges New Yorkers to properly recycle their unwanted computers, televisions and other electronics through the many free or low-cost options currently available.

New York State law requires manufacturers to provide recycling of electronic waste for consumers. “Recycling electronics is one of the greatest gifts New Yorkers can give to the Environment,” according to DEC commissioner Martens.