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Electronic Waste Law Effective January 1, 2012

Danville Public Works announces that beginning January 1, 2012, Solid Waste Division personnel will no longer pick up televisions and other electronic devices. Under the new state law, electronic waste, or E-waste as it's called, must be recycled by a registered collector, recycler, or manufacturer.

Effective January 1st, it will be illegal to place any electronics in landfills. This means most anything electronic including, but not limited to; computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, scanners, televisions, video cassette recorders, dvd players and portable music players.

According to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, in a 2009 report, only 25% of all electronics were recycled, with the rest ending up in landfills. Computers were recycled at a higher rate of 38%. The new Illinois law regarding E-waste stated that, "Many electronic products contain lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, and other materials that pose environmental and health risks that must be managed."

So, how will residents dispose of these items?

Local recyclers such as Advantage Recycling, WITS and Bryant's Recycling will take electronic waste, but they do have rules as to what types of E-waste they will accept. So it is best to call first and those phone numbers are listed on the E-waste web page at the Danville Public Works website.

For a complete list of electronic items now banned from landfills go to www.danvillepublicwork.org. There you will also find more information regarding the E-waste ban and links to the Illinois EPA website.