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Free E-Cycling Event at the Virginia Aquarium

Electronics and household hazardous waste collected and recycled or disposed of properly

(VIRGINIA BEACH, VA) Now that the holidays are over, the Virginia Aquarium's E-cycling event offers a great chance for you to get a jump start on your spring cleaning! Thanks to a partnership with City of Virginia Beach Public Works, TFC Recycling, and Goodwill Industries, you can recycle or properly dispose of old electronics and household hazardous waste! Those old cell phones and cords that don't belong to anything will all be accepted on **Saturday, January 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the Aquarium's parking lot.

Below is a full list of items that will be accepted:

Acceptable personal electronic recyclable items include:

- Personal computers and laptops
- Telephones, cell phones and PDA's
- Printers
- Circuit boards and components
- Monitors and flat screen TVs
- CRT TVs (Cathode Ray Tube TVs) – **MUST** be smaller than 32" (CRT TVs larger than 32" **MUST** be taken to the City of Virginia Beach Resource Recovery Center, located at 1989 Jake Sears Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. This facility is open Tuesday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
- Fax machines
- Stereo equipment and game systems
- Regular recycling materials such as newspapers, bottles and cans will also be accepted.

Acceptable household hazardous waste items include:

- Up to five gallons of liquids or up to 75 pounds of dry materials
- Aerosol spray cans
- Automotive fluids
- Batteries: Alkaline (AA, AAA, C, D), Boat, Car, Camera, Cell phone, Hearing aid, Lead acid, Lithium, Rechargeable, Trucks
- Herbicides
- Household cleaners
- Gasoline (up to 5 gallons)
- Fertilizer
- Pool Chemicals
- Light bulbs – small quantities of CFLs or fluorescent tubes
- Oil and water based paint

- Pesticides
- Propane tanks (small – up to 20 lb. capacity)

The Virginia Aquarium is proud to host this semi-annual e-cycling event and to divert electronic waste away from landfills. Since the program's inception in September 2009, the Aquarium's e-cycling events have collected over 250 tons of electronic material. The January 2016 event had over 500 cars that stopped by, and 41,500 lbs. or over 20 tons, of waste was collected. Additionally, 465 pounds of household batteries, 610 pounds of lead acid batteries, 23 propane tanks, 3,420 pounds of latex paint, 87 fluorescent bulbs, and additional hazmat materials were collected to be processed.

For further tips visit www.VBgov.com/landfill. The Virginia Aquarium is located at 717 General Booth Blvd. Visit www.virginiaaquarium.com or call (757)385-0262 for more E-cycling Event information.

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums whose mission is conservation through education. The Aquarium is located at 717 General Booth Boulevard, just south of Rudee Inlet in Virginia Beach. For more information on exhibits, movies, boat rides and special events, call (757) 385-FISH (3474), (TDD 385-4305) or visit www.VirginiaAquarium.com.

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