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LCSWMA Expands E-Waste Accepted at HHW Facility

LANCASTER, Pa. — The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) has expanded its list of e-waste materials accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility, located on Harrisburg Pike.

In celebration of America Recycles Day on November 15th, LCSWMA is rolling out their newly expanded list in hopes to divert these materials from the waste stream. Accepted materials now include:

- **Cameras: photo and video**
- **Cell phone peripherals: chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpiece, air cards, clips, cases**
- **DVD and VCR players**
- **MP3 players and iPods**
- **PDA's**
- **Portable electronic game players and video game consoles**
- **Stereos and peripherals: CD players, amplifiers, turntables, speakers (NO wooden material)**

These items will be accepted for FREE at the HHW Facility from Lancaster County residents and businesses. There is a limit of 10 items per customer, per day for these materials.

“We continue to monitor the recycling markets,” says Kathryn Sandoe, LCSWMA’s Communications Manager. “When our vendors can provide consistent, environmentally-responsible processing services at reasonable prices for new materials, we make every effort to expand our list of items accepted.”

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LCSWMA has been receiving deliveries of household hazardous waste materials from Lancaster County residents since 1991. They expanded their list in 2001 to include computers and computer peripherals, and then added televisions in 2008.

Since the new, drive-through HHW Facility opened in 2005; LCSWMA has seen a continued rise in visitors delivering household hazardous waste items, with e-waste representing the fastest growing segment of materials delivered. In 2012, over 43,000 residents used the HHW Facility, delivering 2.1 million pounds of hazardous material—1.3 million pounds of that was just e-waste. The trend continues with LCSWMA tracking a 20% increase in the number of residents using the facility since last year.

As part of the Transfer Station Complex, the HHW Facility provides Lancaster County residents with convenient disposal of hazardous materials like paints, cleaners, motor oil, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, computers, TV's, cell phones, fluorescent bulbs and more—free of charge. This permanent facility, the only one of its kind in Pennsylvania, was specifically designed to provide safe disposal of hazardous waste items, which protects the environment and keeps these items out of household trash.

Residents can find out directions, operating hours and a complete list of materials accepted at the HHW Facility by visiting www.lcswma.org.

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LCSWMA is recognized nationally for its leadership in the industry and innovative approach to waste management. Its Integrated System consists of the following: (1) a Transfer Station permitted to handle up to 2,200 tons per day; (2) a 1,200 tons per day mass burn Waste-to-Energy Facility for the combustion of waste and production of electricity; (3) the Frey Farm Landfill, permitted for the disposal of 2,000 tons of waste per day; (4) a County-wide recycling program; and (5) a drive-through Household Hazardous Waste Facility. LCSWMA's mission is to manage solid waste and recyclable materials in an environmentally safe, reliable and efficient manner.