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Ann Arbor Public Schools and the Climate Savers Computing Initiative @ U-M to Host Free e-Waste Recycling Events

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (Apr. 22, 2008) – Ann Arbor Public Schools (AAPS) and the Climate Savers Computing Initiative @ the University of Michigan (CSCI @ U-M) are sponsoring free e-waste recycling events to responsibly recycle electronic equipment.

- General public: May 10, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Pioneer High School Parking Lot, 601 W. Stadium Blvd.
- Local business and non-profit organizations: May 8-9, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) - District Office Parking Lot, 1819 S. Wagner Rd.

E-waste is the fastest growing waste stream in the country. It consumes landfill space while its raw materials could be reused to manufacture new materials. Untreated e-waste may contain hazardous materials like lead and mercury, which can adversely affect the environment.

“Every year, Earth Day reminds Americans of their responsibility to the future of the environment. As technology rapidly changes, new environmental issues arise. It’s extremely important that we recognize the negative environmental impacts of e-waste,” said Bill Wroblewski, project director of the CSCI @ U-M. “This is a great opportunity for the community to get old or unused electronic equipment out of their homes without creating more waste, and without putting their data at risk.”

All e-waste items dropped-off during the designated times at Pioneer High School and the WISD District Office will be recycled responsibly by an EPA-certified company. The collected equipment will be destroyed and recycled in the U.S. in accordance with all local, state and federal guidelines, regulations and laws pertaining to the collection, transportation and recycling of electronics equipment.

All U-M-owned equipment must be disposed of through Property Disposition; items that cannot be resold by Property Disposition are responsibly recycled in accordance with state and federal regulations through Occupational Safety & Environmental Health at U-M.

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The CSCI @ U-M is a new green computing effort focused on saving energy and conserving natural resources. The two-year project aims to spread awareness about computers' energy consumption, build best practices and change behaviors on and off campus.

For more information and a complete list of accepted materials, visit:
climatesavers.umich.edu/e-waste.

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