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Public invited to recycle their computer waste

Invercargill residents are invited to dispose of their old PCs, computer peripherals and mobile phones at eDay this weekend.

Council's Waste Minimisation Officer Donna Peterson said the community drive-through event offered people the chance to drop off their old computer equipment and mobile phones so they could be safely disposed of and recycled for free.

Recycling electronic waste (e-waste) enables the recovery and reuse of valuable materials and ensures toxic materials are not buried in our landfills, Ms Peterson said.

There is a change of venue this year and eDay is being held at Southland Woolbrokers, 815 North Road, between 9am and 3pm on Saturday, September 12.

Ms Peterson said the Invercargill event would not be possible without the local support from WasteNet Southland, Invercargill Rotary Groups, Jensen Technical Services, Southland Woolbrokers and the Invercargill City Council.

The following can be dropped off on eDay: computer hardware, monitors, networking equipment, modems, scanners, keyboards, computer mouse, speakers, lap tops, printers, game consoles, toner and ink jet cartridges, mobile phones, fax machines and digital cameras. (Please delete all data from your computer's hard drive and remove any removable media such as floppy disks or memory cards. Disconnect your mobile from your service provider, delete other stored information from the phone's memory and also remove your phone's SIM card (if it has one).)

"This is a great way to get rid of those old computers that are taking up space in your garage" Ms Peterson said.

Please do not drop off the following: televisions, radios and stereos, DVD players, video recorders, other home appliances and furniture.

This is a car-only event (no trucks or trailers). For more information go to www.eday.co.nz

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