



EPI Earth Day Shines Again



Just when we thought our ability to generate results through EPI's annual Earth Day Electronics Collection Event may have peaked, community members came through again and gave us our second record-breaking year in a row!

You may remember that last year we welcomed a new partnership with Intel and increased our advertising efforts in an attempt to boost the declining participation rates seen in the previous couple of years. Those efforts paid off with a turnout of 454 cars and collection of over 48,000 pounds of unwanted electronic items.

This year we were again fortunate to have the support of Intel, and we also got a surprise offer from the StRUT class at Benson Polytechnic High School—they wanted to come volunteer, too! StRUT stands for Students Recycling Used Technology; students in the course refurbish computers, printers and other electronic items, then put them back into use in schools throughout Oregon and southwest Washington.

Each of the seven years EPI has held its Electronics Collection, StRUT has been involved and has taken items it feels are best suited to its program, but they've never sent us 19 volunteers before, which is what they did this time.

And so, armed with 13 EPI volunteers, 13 Intel volunteers, 19 StRUT volunteers, 3 community volunteers, 2 Iron Mountain workers, 2 semi-truck trailers and huge piles of pallets and Gaylord boxes, we set our signs out early in the morning and poised ourselves for the onslaught.

Even though the event didn't officially start until 10am, we had the inevitable early-birds who were hoping to beat the crowds beginning to arrive shortly after 8am.

The majority of the traffic came between 10am and noon, with cars at some points stretching back to the postal annex.

To our volunteers' credit, however, even when the lines were at their longest, people reported only having to wait approximately 10 minutes before making their way up to the car survey area and moving on to the unload point at the dock.

From noon until the end of the event, the flow was lighter but still steady, with the final car pulling through just before 2 o'clock.

In the end, the event pulled in 495 cars and generated **54,713 pounds** of material, including the electronics themselves, confidential documents that were shredded, batteries, and straight garbage as well as the styrofoam/paper/cardboard recyclables that items were packed in.

It was a tremendous effort by all of our coordinators: Kimberley Sackman & Beth Graser at EPI; Aubrey Clark at Intel; and Marty Willie at StRUT; as well as great support from Intechra, Iron Mountain, *The Hillsboro Argus* and our partners at Metro, the City of Hillsboro, and other businesses and organizations around the area who took it upon themselves to spread the word; AND our awesome volunteers who made this event a success.

Many thanks to those volunteers: Randy McEvers, Larry Halverson, Jenifer Andrews, Yoshi Oda, Mark Webb, Armando Provedor, Orlando Provedor, Osama Elghondi, Guna Murhadi, Ramon Mendoza, Bernadette Baca, Kimberley Sackman and Beth Graser from EPI; our 'Plant Lady' Sharon Steen, her sister Roxanne Moss and nephew Scott Moss; Ed Puderbaugh, Leroy Nuckles, Skip Gaudreau, Mike Miller, Traci Mogster, Gregg Woodhouse, Alea Konovalova, Tonya Niktin, Chris Hopkins, Erin Wakefield, Nick Amazuzzi, Bruce and Brianna Horwath from Intel; Moses Davis, teacher of the StRUT class at Benson Polytech, and his students Phillip Nguyen, Tenzin Alyon, Ronnie Vowell, Eduardo Rubio, Mark Koski, Felix Chan, Tony Chen, Thanh Nguyen, Shane Sahnaw, Kernan Funk, Christian Nelson, Julian Patlan, Keenon Ono, Aric Coon, Samuel Partridge and Elizabeth Hills; and Marty Willie and Paul Mims from the StRUT central office.

And thanks to everyone in the community who patronized the event for holding onto their unwanted electronics and allowing us to recycle them rather than taking the easy road and throwing them away—their commitment to doing the right thing for the environment is inspiring!

See you next year. ©



Results at a Glance

No. of vehicles:	495
Monitors:	414
Computers:	379
Printers:	207
Scanners:	37
Television sets:	170
VCRs/DVD players:	149
Cameras/video cams:	10
Copiers:	14
Cell Phones:	170
Telephones:	62
Fax Machines:	12
Keyboards:	158
Shredding:	~6000 lbs.
Cardboard:	~1000 lbs.
Other: Computer software/hardware, mice, stereos, speakers, mother boards, docking stations, clocks, modems, cables, satellite receivers, etc.)	
Total pounds:	~54,713