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CITY OF VALLEJO TO HOLD E-WASTE AND TIRE RECYCLING DAY

VALLEJO – For the second year in a row, the City of Vallejo and Vallejo Garbage Service are holding a combined Electronic Waste and Tire Recycling Day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2006 - Earth Day.

Previously, the events were held on separate days at separate locations. But in 2005 the events were combined and held at Vallejo Garbage Service's facilities at 2021 Broadway in Vallejo.

"This event continues to grow each year," said Derek Crutchfield, the City's Recycling Coordinator. "Having the e-waste and tire recycling days together at VGS's facilities makes things easier for everyone, especially our residents."

Items which can be dropped off include televisions, VCRs, computer monitors and other computer parts, radios, small electronic appliances and equipment, cellular phones, microwave ovens, cameras, household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and fax machines, to name a few.

"The addition of fluorescent bulbs and batteries has made this event even more important," Crutchfield said. "Legislation which became effective in February of this year means those items can no longer be tossed in the trash, but must be recycled."

In the past, households were allowed to dispose of fluorescent lamps, batteries (not lead/acid batteries of the type used in autos), mercury thermostats, and electronic devices in the trash.

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Along with e-waste, participants will be allowed to drop off up to 10 passenger or light truck tires for recycling, free of charge. Over 132.6 tons of e-waste and 1,800 tires were collected at last year's event.

"The results of past collection events shows how important this is to the community," Crutchfield said. "It's a great way to celebrate Earth Day, too."

Vallejo Garbage Service accepts household batteries Thursdays-Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fluorescent lamps and tubes and mercury containing items should be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at Devlin Road Transfer Station, which is open every Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Both of these facilities accept materials for free.

For more information on E-Waste and Tire Recycling or recycling in the City of Vallejo, contact Crutchfield at 648-5346.