

Join Us Nov. 15 and Celebrate America Recycles Day!

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Celebrate America Recycles Day by touring Electronic Demanufacturing Facility

Davenport, Iowa —Don't go "Office Space" on your old computer! Instead, bring it to us—and watch as we tear it apart.

Yes, we're referencing the 1999 comedy, "Office Space," in which a piece of offending office equipment is smashed to bits by an unbalanced cubicle dweller. And yes, we really do want to tear apart your old computer right in front of you—before we recycle its pieces, of course.

In celebration of America Recycles Day, the public is invited to tour the Electronic Demanufacturing Facility, 1048 E. 59th St., Davenport, Iowa, from 1 to 3 p.m., or from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 15. Tour-goers are invited to bring their recyclable electronics and watch as technicians demanufacture some of them—the first step in the recycling process.

The free event is being hosted by Waste Commission of Scott County and iLivehere Quad Cities, a local Keep America Beautiful affiliate, which is housed by the Commission. On America Recycles Day, affiliates across the U.S. host activities to educate people about recycling, with the ultimate goal of motivating everyone to recycle more. Details are online at www.americarecyclesday.org.

"This is the first time we have invited residents to watch as we take apart their old electronics," said Keith Krambeck, special waste manager for Waste Commission of Scott County. "We're excited to give tour-goers the opportunity to peek 'behind the curtain,' so to speak. Of course the ultimate goal of showcasing the work that we do is to inspire people to recycle their electronics responsibly, thereby diverting harmful materials from the landfill."

RSVP for the event is required. Residents should call (563) 468-4218 or e-mail Paula Webinger, education specialist, at pwebinger@wastecom.com. Residents are asked to indicate which tour they wish to attend—1-3 or 6-8 p.m.—and the number of attendees in the group. Each tour will be limited to 50 participants.

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Individuals are invited to bring their e-waste to the event at no charge. A list of acceptable items is online at www.wastecom.com. The event is not open to businesses, nor will business waste be accepted. Information about business recycling also is online at www.wastecom.com.

Can't make it to the event, but have e-waste? No problem! Residents of Scott (Iowa) and Rock Island (Illinois) counties may drop off e-waste any time during regular facility hours (7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday) at no charge. Bettendorf and Davenport residents with curbside collection may place e-waste at the curb as bulky waste on their recycling days.

The Electronic Demanufacturing Facility, operated by Waste Commission of Scott County, provides residents and businesses throughout Iowa and Western Illinois an environmentally sound and economically feasible disposal option for electronic waste (e-waste). Earlier this year, the facility became the first public agency in the world and the only agency in the state of Iowa to receive Responsible Recycling (R2) certification.

Waste Commission of Scott County is an inter-governmental agency established in 1972 to provide solid waste management services for Scott County, Iowa.

For more information about the Electronic Demanufacturing Facility or about recycling e-waste, call (563) 823-0119 or visit www.wastecom.com.

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