

Fairview Cleanup Day to include FREE e-waste recycling

The Fairview Chamber is adding e-cycling to its annual spring cleanup day activities this year, in cooperation with Richland County's E-rase your E-waste program.

Saturday, May 11 has been designated as City Wide Cleanup Day in Fairview, according to Chamber organizers, with bins for regular trash available at the fire hall from 8 a.m. until noon. During that same time period, residents and businesses are encouraged to bring their electronic recyclables to the fire hall as well. Seniors or others requiring assistance in Fairview may call City Hall at 742-5616.

Fairview will share the same e-cycler, Yellowstone E-waste Solutions out of Billings, as is being used for the 2013 Sidney "E-rase your E-waste" collection events announced earlier. Yellowstone is new to the event this year, but will continue to offer e-cycling services FREE to area residents, with one minor exception. Participants will need to pay a small fee of \$2 to \$5 to have their hard drives shredded (depending on if it's already removed from the computer or the company has to remove it). There is no charge if participants allow reuse of the hard drive after it's been "wiped" of all data.

Fairview residents are encouraged to do their part in keeping harmful components out of our landfills, by bringing their cell phones, computers, monitors, TVs, small kitchen appliances and other recyclables to the Fairview Fire Hall from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 11, chamber organizers said. Note, that NO items, either regular trash or e-waste, will be accepted after the 12 pm deadline in Fairview.

For those Fairview residents unable to make that morning's "E-rase your E-waste" event, there is a collection planned in Sidney that same weekend, Friday and Saturday, May 10-11, as well where they can drop off their e-waste in the afternoon (see below for exact times). The Sidney group is also hosting a fall event set for Sept. 6-7, so there are a couple of different options available for those interested in responsibly recycling their e-waste, organizers said.

Again, the collections in Sidney and Fairview are all FREE! The Sidney events will be held as usual at the Richland County Shop at 2140 W. Holly in Sidney, next to the Fairgrounds. Signs will be posted. Times for both spring and fall events in Sidney are Fridays 3-7 pm and Saturdays 9 am-3 pm. Please note, the county shop is available for drop offs during event times ONLY, when Yellowstone E-waste Solution employees and local volunteers will also be available to help with loading and unloading.

Local businesses, agencies and organizations with large amounts to e-cycle are asked to make an appointment to drop off their items by calling Jackie Couture at 406-433-9422. Please leave a message.

Where possible larger recyclers are also encouraged to palletize their own items, or send extra staff to help get it done. Details on acceptable items and how to palletize them can be found in a handout posted to the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab's e-waste website at www.ars.usda.gov/npa/nparl/ewaste. In addition, a handy "Items List" recycling form is also available at the website to further speed processing time for participants bringing both large and small amounts.

The "E-rase your E-waste" effort in Sidney is coordinated by members of the Richland County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Richland Opportunities Inc., and volunteers with other community organizations including the RSVP program.