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## Earth Day E-Waste Event

**South Padre Island, TX, April 14, 2025:** The City of South Padre Island Environmental Health Services Department (EHSD) is hosting an Earth Day E-Waste Recycling Event on Saturday, April 19, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Community Center, located at 4501 Padre Boulevard.

The Environmental Protection Agency reports that United States consumers and businesses annually discard about 2.7 million tons of cell phones, computers, hard copy peripherals (including printers, scanners, and faxes), and televisions.

Approximately thirty-eight percent of these electronics were collected for recycling, with the remainder disposed of primarily in landfills, where the precious metals cannot be recovered. Chemicals such as lead, cadmium, and mercury in e-waste are extremely hazardous to our health. EHSD and its partners aim to provide an opportunity for safe and responsible recycling of unwanted electronics.

"This is a great opportunity for our community to dispose of electronics properly," said J. Victor Baldovinos, Environmental Health director. "By participating, we are reducing the negative impact that improper e-waste disposal would otherwise have on our delicate environment."

Participating vendors are Dairy Queen, Friends of Animal Rescue, RDA Technologies, Republic Services, and Sea Turtle Inc.

The community is encouraged to bring all their electronics and regular recycling to this one-stop Earth Day E-Waste Recycling Event. For additional information, please contact the EHSD at (956) 761-8123.