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### **Village to Help Residents Recycle Outdated Electronics**

Residents can drop off their outdated electronics for recycling from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at the Public Works Center, 131 South Blvd.

All types of electronic products will be accepted including computers, copy machines, fax machines, printers, scanners, air conditioners, coffee makers, microwaves, vacuum cleaners, telephones, answering machines, cell phones, pagers, radios, cameras, camcorders, stereos and speakers. A \$5 co-pay is required for each television and computer monitor, but all other items will be collected at no cost.

“This is a great opportunity for residents to dispose of their broken and outdated electronic items in an environmentally friendly manner,” said Karen Rozmus, Oak Park’s Waste Reduction Coordinator.

All electronic equipment collected will be recycled. Contents of value, including precious metals, plastics, and wires will be reused. All hazardous materials, such as mercury, cadmium and lead will be diverted from landfills for proper disposal.

Unfortunately, the process of ‘de-manufacturing’ monitors and televisions is labor intensive and electronics recycling companies have begun charging for their collection, according to Rozmus, thus the need for the co-pay on televisions and computer monitors.

The special one-day collection is co-sponsored by the Village, Oak Park Board of Realtors and the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at 358.5700.

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