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E-Waste Day sets record for recyclable electronics

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The 2010 E-Waste Day on Sept. 17 and 18 set new records for electronic waste collection despite heavy rains and some nearby lightning on both days.

The City of Victoria Environmental Services and Solid Waste/Recycling Departments in partnership with Bass Computers, collected electronic waste from 1,300 residents and businesses in the Victoria area.

"We saw almost 400 people in the first four hours," said Darryl Lesak, assistant director of Environmental Services. "In 2009, we collected 68 tons of e-waste. We almost doubled that amount at this year's event by collecting 114 tons of e-waste."

Bass Computers employees worked to efficiently unload vehicles, wrap, palletize and pack the electronics into 10 trucks. The e-waste was taken to Houston, where Bass Computers removes all information off the hard drives of computers and breaks the e-waste down into



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Anita Brunsting, sponsor for Victoria College's Phi Theta Kappa honor society, unloads E-Waste at the city collection site.

WHAT WAS COLLECTED

- 30,865 pounds of computers
- 44,935 pounds of monitors
- 93,021 pounds of televisions
- 59,597 pounds of miscellaneous electronics.

marketable pieces and parts. The e-waste will be recycled, reused or reclaimed and introduced back in to the mar-

ket.

Electronic waste makes up almost 5 percent of trash volume and is among the fastest growing category of municipal solid waste. E-waste frequently contains hazardous materials, such as lead and mercury, that can harm the environment if it is not disposed of properly. Recycling e-waste is the best way to dispose of it.