



E - Waste Event

Overwhelming Response

Rain, thunder and lightning didn't deter area residents and businesses from recycling electronics at the City's e-waste event hosted by Bass Electronics at the Community Center September 17-18.

An estimated 1,300 vehicles dropped off everything from computers, televisions, monitors, radios, and printers--collecting about 114 tons and filling 10 trailers--the largest turnout in the City's history.

"People were already lined up at 7:15 a.m. the first day," said Darryl Lesak, assistant director of Environmental Services. "We saw almost 400 people in the first four hours."

TOTAL E-WASTE COLLECTED: 114 TONS
30,865 lbs. computers
44,935 lbs. monitors
93,021 lbs. televisions
59,597 lbs. miscellaneous electronics

Almost half of the electronics collected were televisions, which are no longer accepted at the landfill. Lesak said he expected a large turnout because TVs weren't accepted at last year's e-waste event. And the response was overwhelming. "I warned Bass that they should be prepared for 10 trailer loads--they were expecting three-four. His prediction came true, people drove from Calhoun, Goliad, and Victoria counties to dispose of electronics.

Rivers of rain flowed through the parking lot of the Community Center Saturday. Friday, operations were halted for about an hour and a half because of lightning. "I didn't have one person upset because of the wait--we had a residential and commercial line so no one had to wait more than 20-25 minutes--unless it was pouring down rain," Lesak said.

