



**News Release**  
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## **Mayor Corroon encourages county residents to take advantage of another FREE Household Hazardous Waste Service**

*County offers residents another alternative solution for unwanted electronic devices*

(Salt Lake County) –Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon and the Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) today, announced the newest service to the growing list of free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) services. Residents can now drop off their unwanted or old electronic waste (e-waste) at any of the SLVHD permanent collection at no charge. In addition to accepting regular HHW such as antifreeze, oil, and pesticides, county residents can discard their old televisions, computers, monitors, keyboards, VCR's, and CD players instead of throwing them in the trash.

There are many heavy metals in televisions, computer monitors and keyboards which are toxic when released into our environment. With the advent of High Definition Television and the change to digital broadcasting (which has been moved to June 12, 2009) many people will choose to discard rather than purchase the converter kits that will upgrade their analog televisions. This will create an enormous volume of televisions for disposal.

"Salt Lake County wanted to offer residents a responsible option for the disposal of televisions and other electronic waste," said Mayor Corroon. "It's our mission to educate residents about the recycling and reuse of electronics to protect our environment and keep them out of our landfills."

Cathode ray tubes (CRTs) found in color televisions and color computer monitors contain significant amounts of lead. Each computer or television display contains an average of four

to eight pounds of lead. Printed circuit boards found in computers and other electronic devices may contain lead, chromium, and silver. Some older computers contain mercury switches, and many kinds of electronic devices contain nickel-cadmium, lithium, or lead-acid batteries. If these items are thrown in the trash, all of the materials end up in our landfills where they can pose potential environmental concerns.

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency electronic waste constitutes between 2% to 5% of the US municipal solid waste stream and is growing rapidly. Consumers today will most likely replace their electronic devices because repairing is often just as expensive if not more than buying a new one. Unfortunately this constant turn-over of electronic devices creates a large waste stream.

Recycling of electronic devices represents the safest and most cost-effective strategy for addressing outdated electronics. “This is just one of many simple steps that our residents can do to help improve our environment.” says Mayor Corroon.

Salt Lake County residents can properly and conveniently dispose of their household hazardous waste, including electronic waste, at either of the two permanent collection facilities. If you have any questions regarding the Household Hazardous Waste program, contact Dorothy Adams at (801) 313-6745.

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## **Household Hazardous Waste Permanent Collection Facilities**

### **Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Management Facility**

6030 West California Avenue (1400 South)  
Open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday

### **Trans Jordan Landfill**

10873 South 7200 West  
Open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday