

Clip & Save: *Spring Cleaning?* Easy Ways for Hillcrest Residents to Recycle Electronics

Rather than tossing away old computers and electronics as trash – actions that waste potentially useful metals and parts, and choke and poison landfills -- why not be kind to the environment, and perhaps find new uses for valued materials, with just a little extra time and effort? Here are some recycling resources to tack to your bulletin board:

- First Time Computers, a D.C.-based nonprofit group, repairs donated computers for giveaway to students from low-income families, and groups. Picks up within the Beltway. 202-722-2822. <http://www.firsttimecomputers.org>.
- Computer Donation Management Inc., Baltimore, Md., recycles and refurbishes old computers and other electronics. 410-525-1400. <http://www.cdm4recycle.com>.
- District of Columbia City Recycling Program, ask for recycling info at 202-727-1000. www.recycle.dpw.dc.gov.
- Earth911.org, 1-800-CLEANUP, an Arizona company with a free, searchable directory of public and private drop-off recycling sites here and nationwide, sorted by zip code and any of 250 items to be recycled. www.earth911.org.
- Dell, Apple and Sony maintain their own take-back programs for computers and televisions. They recycle some used electronics for free. Check with their customer service numbers, or consult information on take-back programs at www.computertakeback.com.
- Cartridges for Kids, 1-800-420-0236, a CO-based recycling outfit that *pays* schools and nonprofit groups for recycled ink cartridges, cell phones, laptops, PDAs, and iPods.
- Locate other organizations that accept donations of used computers: <http://www.techsoup.org/mar>, or <http://www.mygreenelectronics.org>.

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