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## Will County Offers FREE Household Electronic Recycling Pick-Up

WILL COUNTY – Will County is announcing a new, convenient electronic recycling pick up service for residents beginning April 1, 2011. This pilot program is a free service offered to all residents with first floor entrances in the communities of Aurora, Bolingbrook, Crest Hill, Elwood, Homer Glen, Joliet, Lemont, Lockport, Minooka, Naperville, New Lenox, Plainfield, Rockdale, Romeoville, Shorewood, Wilmington, and Woodridge.

The Will County Land Use Department has partnered with Vintage Tech Recyclers in Romeoville to accept its electronic recyclables for several years. Vintage Tech Recyclers worked with manufacturers to fund this unique program. While the initial program will service all residents of Channahon, DuPage, Homer, Jackson, Joliet, Lockport, New Lenox, Plainfield, Troy, and Wheatland Townships; the program is expected to be available to all Will County residents by the end of this year.

The Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act, passed by the Illinois General Assembly in 2008, states some electronic materials will no longer be accepted at landfills beginning January 2012. Will County has been actively preparing for this new legislation, establishing electronic recycling sites at numerous key locations across the region.

"Will County has been proactive in working with our municipalities to set up these electronic recycling locations," said Will County Executive Larry Walsh. "Offering this additional service should encourage all of our residents to participate in this important program."

This program will be the first free household pickup service offered in Illinois. Residents will be able to schedule a pickup of unwanted electronics by contacting Vintage Tech Recyclers.

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Items accepted include: computers, laptops, monitors, printers, televisions, all types of telephones, answering machines, computer mouse devices, keyboards, zip drives, computer cables, string lights, microwaves, fax, scanners, MP3s, PDAs, video game consoles, video cassette players/recorders, DVD players and more. There is a limit of 10 items per service call, but future service dates can be arranged as necessary.

Drop-off services will remain available for apartment residents or anyone without front-door access. Please contact the Will County Land Use Department at (815) 727-8834 or visit the website, www.willcountygreen.com, for more details on the twelve existing sites.

"It is always good when public and private entities can work together to effectively provide services to our residents," Walsh said. "This innovative program will be good for our environment and our future."

For more information or to schedule a pickup, please contact Jimmy Larkin of Vintage Tech Recyclers at (877) 786-4715 or via email: james.larkin@vintagetechrecyclers.com.

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