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# DeKalb County's GREEN FOCUS

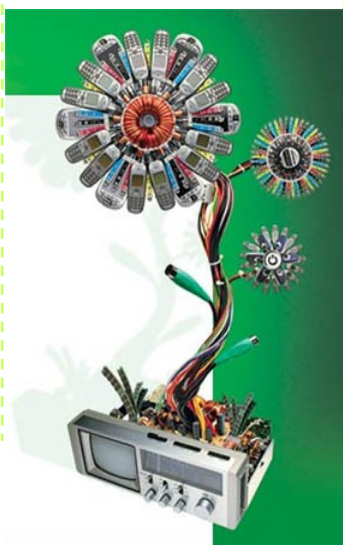
## An Environmental Newsletter

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## DeKalb County's Electronics Recycling Green Milestone

DeKalb County Government offers both residents and employees the opportunity to recycle their old electronic items properly and reduce the environmental liability of hazardous material entering Seminole Road Landfill. The county's goal is to promote the recovery, reuse and recycling of obsolete electronic equipment and to encourage the design, manufacture and purchase of environmentally responsible electronic equipment.

Since 2007, the Keep DeKalb Beautiful program in conjunction with the DeKalb County Sanitation Division and Atlanta Recycling Solutions has offered permanent drop off sites for electronic goods. As of March 2013 the county has prevented more than *one million pounds* of recyclable electronic scrap from entering the landfill.

The county continues to encourage residents and employees to drop off old electronic items at either of the following two drop off collection sites:

### DeKalb County Sanitation Division

3643 Camp Circle, Decatur, GA 30032

Hours: Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

(404) 371-2654

### DeKalb County Seminole Road Landfill

4203 Clevemont Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294

Hours: Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

(404) 244-4842

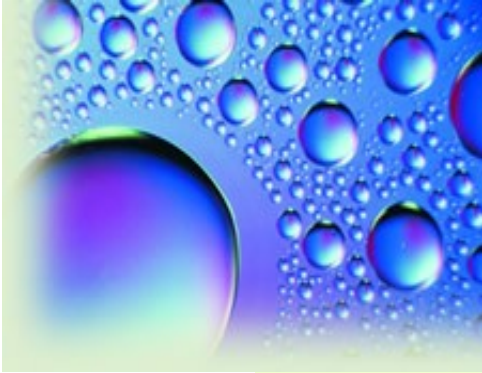
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The following items **are** accepted:

Stereos	Batteries	Monitors	VCRs
Microwaves	Circuit boards	Printers	Portable radios
Computer CPUs	Projectors	Typewriters	Laptops
Copiers	Telephones	CD ROMs	Video machines
Computer and mouse	Disk drives	Floppy drives	CB radios
Electronic panels	CD players	Test and networking equipment	USB battery backups
Fax machines	Modems	Cables	Keyboards
Cameras	Speakers		



## Inefficient Plumbing Fixtures Replacement Ordinance

The Inefficient Plumbing Fixtures Replacement Plan Ordinance, the first of its kind in Georgia, was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on February 26, 2008 and requires that structures constructed prior to 1993 replace inefficient plumbing fixtures with low flow plumbing fixtures upon resale. The effective date for sales of residential qualifying property was June 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009 for commercial qualifying property.

This ordinance is the first of its kind in the state of Georgia and is anticipated to be effective in conserving indoor water use on a greater scale since it affects both residential and business use.

Inspection of residential units began on June 1, 2008. Roughly 70,000 inspections have been conducted since the county's ordinance was adopted.

Single-family homes and condos must meet the following standards:

- Toilets can have a maximum of 1.6 gallons per flush
- Showerheads can put out a max of 2.5 gallons per minute
- Lavatory faucets can put out a maximum of 2 gallons per minute
- Kitchen faucets can put out a maximum of 2.2 gallons per minute

The Inefficient Plumbing Fixtures Replacement Plan Ordinance continues to be recognized for its innovative approach to handling indoor water use and is recognized by the Atlanta Regional Commission, Green Communities Certification as an innovative approach in addressing water resources for the metro Atlanta area and the state of Georgia.



**DeKalb County**  
DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

## Think Green. Live Green. Be Green.



DeKalb County Government will be offering employees and its constituents opportunities to be green and participate in upcoming environmental events this October. Please plan on attending, and live a greener life.

**Sat., October 5, 9 a.m.-1p.m.**  
**120 W. Trinity Pl., Calloway Bldg.**

Electronics Recycling and Paper Shedding Event hosted by City of Decatur

**Wed., October 16, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**330 W. Ponce de Leon, Clark Harrison Bldg.**

Georgia Power's *Change A Light* pledge program. Pledge participants will receive a free CFL light bulb.

**Fri., October 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**1300 Commerce Dr., Maloof Bldg.**

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**Sat., October 19, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
**3720 Leroy Scott Dr., Sanitation Division Central Transfer Station**

Household Hazardous Waste Event hosted by Keep DeKalb Beautiful, Sanitation Division, DeKalb County Government.