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NEW BAN TO PROHIBIT ELECTRONICS IN LANDFILLS SET TO TAKE EFFECT Village Encouraging Residents to Use Free Recycling Center

Franklin Park, IL - Village President Barrett Pedersen announced today that a new, statewide electronics landfill ban will go into effect on January 1, 2012 and indicated that residents would not be able to place electronic items for trash pick-up. Instead, residents are encouraged to bring these items to the Village's electronic recycling containers.

"Illinois law will now prohibit residents and businesses from dumping their e-waste in the garbage," stated Pedersen. "The law was enacted to solve the problem of discarded electronics, the fastest growing element of our country's municipal waste stream. The Village's waste haulers will no longer remove discarded electronics if they are placed with your trash."

The Village has provided a convenient way to help address the growing problem of disposing of obsolete electronics. A recycling container is available, free of charge, to all Franklin Park residents, schools and businesses at 9360 Franklin Avenue, just West of Martens. Drop-off hours are Monday through Friday from 7: AM to 3:00 PM and is closed on Village holidays.

According to the US EPA, Americans throw away 400 million electronic products each year.

"These electronic products contain toxic materials such as lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium and beryllium and it is critical that they be properly managed to prevent soil and groundwater contamination," said Pedersen. "It is critical that these items be properly managed through recycling and reuse efforts. I am hoping that everyone will do their part to comply with this new law."

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The landfill ban includes: TVs, all types of computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals, televisions, keyboards, fax machines, recorders, mp3 players, video consoles, DVD players, computer gaming systems, phones, scanners, digital converter box, cable receivers, satellite receivers, and small scale servers.

For more information on the electronics ban, visit www.epa.state.il.us.

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