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In November 2010, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed the Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA) of 2010. This term refers to: desktop computers; laptop computers; computer monitors; computer peripherals and televisions. Some of the requirements for manufacturers went into effect on January 1, 2012.

A Landfill Disposal Ban goes into effect January 24, 2013. From this point forward, no person may dispose of a covered device, or any of its components, with their municipal or commercial solid waste. These devices and their components must be properly recycled and may not be taken to, nor accepted by transfer stations; energy-from-waste facilities (Covanta); or landfills for disposal.

As a result, haulers may not intentionally accept covered devices for disposal from any source of waste (residential or commercial), and may not commingle covered devices with waste destined for disposal.

Residents that wish to dispose of their covered devices should be directed towards:

- Retailers that sell these devices. Retailers that offer this service are not permitted to charge a
 fee unless a financial incentive, such as a coupon or rebate, of equal or greater value is
 provided.
- E-Waste Programs offered by the County of Delaware in conjunction with their Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events. Four annual events are offered and further information can be obtained at: www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html
- o E-Waste Programs offered by local businesses and/or municipalities.

We will be posting signs at our Transfer Stations to remind collectors that covered devices and components will not be accepted.

Please meet with your Public Works' employees or contracted hauler to discuss this important legislation with them.

If you have further concerns or questions, you may call PA DEP's recycling hotline (1-800-346-4242) or our office directly.

Sincerely,

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Delaware County Recycling Manager

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