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Electronics recycling efforts increase

The county reports collecting more than twice the amount than it collected in 2006.

HAMILTON — The Butler County Department of Environmental Services says it collected 163,481 pounds of recyclable electronics — such as televisions and computers, and the lead, mercury and cathode ray tubes they contain — in 2007.

That is more than twice the amount collected in 2006.

"We don't want this stuff going into the landfill," said Solid Waste District Coordinator Anne Fiehrer Flaig.

The county has also collected 143 tons of used tires and 428,000 lbs. of hazardous household waste — such as paint, pesticides and car fluids — over the past two years.

The electronics program will begin again in April and the household hazardous waste program will resume in June. Both programs will operate through September.

The curbside Freon appliance program will run from April through December. That program collected 63 tons of Freon appliances in 2007.

"Butler County's recycling programs are popular because we make it easy and convenient for residents (to) recycle," said County Commission President Charles Furmon.

County officials say they've also streamlined the programs, saving more than \$18,000 on Freon collection in 2007.

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