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ATLANTA CITY COUNCILMEMBER CARLA SMITH PRESENTS “ECO DEPOT” ATLANTA’S LARGEST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONIC SCRAP COLLECTION ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT ATLANTIC STATION

ATLANTA – Atlanta City Councilmember Carla Smith has partnered with Living Green Pages, Atlanta Recycling Solutions and Clean Harbors to present the City of Atlanta’s Largest Household Hazardous Waste and E-Scrap Collection 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. September 25 at Atlantic Station.

Event is part of an Ecolife Lifestyle Event taking place September 25-26 at Atlantic Station.

The Ecolife event, hosted by Ecolife – a Georgia-based organization dedicated to environmental conservation, offers attendees two full days of eco-friendly family edutainment and fun. The event provides live entertainment, variety of games, demonstrations and learning experiences for all ages. This includes partners like Captain Planet Foundation, Radio Disney, Georgia Public Broadcasting and Recycle Michael.

“I’m committed to supporting efforts that bring tangible changes in how we treat our environment,” said Councilmember Smith. “Bringing this collection effort to Atlanta will not only change habits but also educate our residents and the general public on what household hazardous waste can do to our watershed and what electronic scrap items can do to our landfills.”

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, Americans generate 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste per year. The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of household hazardous waste in the basement and garage and in storage closets. During the 1980s, many communities started special collection days or permanent collection sites for handling household hazardous waste. In 1997, there were more than 3,000 household hazardous waste permanent programs and collection events throughout the United States.

The following household hazardous waste items will be accepted on September 25:

From the workbench and garage, acceptable materials include oil-based paints, stains and varnishes, wood preservatives, paint strippers/thinners, solvent adhesives, lighter fluid, acid, fuels/gasoline/kerosene, antifreeze, degreasers, driveway sealer, brake fluid/carburetor cleaner, transmission fluid, car wax, polishes, roofing tar, pool chemicals, and fluorescent lamps.

From the yard and house, materials include poisons, insecticides, fungicides, fertilizers, weed killers, moth balls, flea control products, rubber cement, airplane glue, fiberglass resins, photo chemicals, chemistry sets, floor and metal polish, oven cleaner, drain and toilet cleaner, spot remover, rug and upholstery cleaner, hobby/artist supplies, mercury thermometers, thermostats, button batteries and rechargeable batteries.

Products that contain mercury, such as fever thermometers and button batteries, found in watches and hearing aides, may also be brought to the collection.

Lithium, alkaline and Ni-cad batteries will be accepted as well.

Over the counter and most prescription drugs will be accepted, even if they are expired. The items must be left in the container.

***The following items WILL NOT be accepted: Schedule 1 Narcotics**

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be "household hazardous waste" or "HHW." Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides, that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care when you dispose of them.

Improper disposal of household hazardous wastes can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the trash. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health. Many communities in the United States offer a variety of options for conveniently and safely managing Household hazardous waste.

The following E-Scrap items will be accepted on September 25:

COMPUTER MONITORS	TELEVISIONS (\$10 Fee Required)	MICROWAVE OVENS
COMPUTER CPU's	STEREOS	TELEPHONES
LAPTOPS	COPIERS	CB RADIOS
PRINTERS	VIDEO MACHINES	CD PLAYERS
DISK DRIVES	VCRs	PORTABLE RADIOS
FLOPPY DRIVES	CAMCORDERS	CELL PHONES
TEST & NETWORKING EQUIP.	CAMERAS (DIGITAL TOO)	KEYBOARDS
MODEMS	RECORD PLAYERS	SCANNERS
CURCUIT BOARDS	SPEAKERS	

ELECTRICAL PANELS
UPS / BATTERY BACK-UP
CD ROMS
CABLES

TYPEWRITERS
FAX MACHINES
PROJECTORS
COMPUTER MOUSE

***The following items WILL NOT be accepted:** Vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, De-humidifiers or humidifiers, gas-powered equipment, tires, household trash and **NON**-electronic equipment.

Volunteers will be on hand to retrieve items from vehicles.