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Menard County and BLH Computers announce computer and electronics recycling program

In an effort to curb the flow of computers and electronics into landfills, Menard County has entered into a one-year contract with BLH Computers of Springfield to provide its citizens, non-profits, schools and businesses with electronics recycling services. The length of the current contract runs from January 26, 2010 to January 26, 2011 with the possibility of extending this service into the future. Menard County joins the Cities of Springfield, Taylorville, Jacksonville, Williamsville and Grandview, as well as Christian, Morgan and Macon Counties that have contracted with BLH Computers to handle the electronics in an environmentally safe manner.

The Menard County and BLH program is unique in that for \$0.15 per person, with this cost being paid by Menard County, all residents, businesses, schools and not-for-profits can recycle electronics free of charge. BLH accepts Computers, Printers, Keyboards, Computer Mice, VCRs, DVD players, Video Game Players, Radios, Speakers, Cell Phones, Telephones, Pagers, Cameras, Camcorders, Electric Power Tools (no gas powered), Fax Machines, and Answering machines from any Menard County resident or non-profit, school or business located in the County. There is \$20 charge to dispose of any item containing a cathode ray tube, as determined by BLH Computers, and a \$60 fee to accept items containing wood. When delivering items for recycling to BLH Computers, a Menard County resident or entity will need to show proof of residency (e.g., a driver's license, business card or some other form of identification identifying location in Menard County and acceptable to BLH Computers).

Menard County citizens, non-profits, schools and businesses can deliver such items, at any time over the length of the contract, to BLH Computers located at 1832 Stevenson Drive, Springfield, Illinois. Menard County, in cooperation with BLH Computers, will also hold several collection events within Menard County where such items can be brought for recycling (Date, Time & Location of such collection events TBD).

BLH Computers is the only EPA registered collector and recycler of computers and electronic waste in Central Illinois and is the 5th largest collector in the state, collecting nearly 1.5 million pounds of electronic scrap in 2009. This total represents 5% of the overall goal for Illinois electronics recycling.

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