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## E-waste recycling event collects more than 29 tons

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People dropped off more than 29 tons of electronic waste Saturday during a recycling event in Avondale, according to state and local officials.

There were collections from 750 vehicles, making it the most attended of 30 such efforts since the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality began the free program in August 2009.

"The number of people who attended was just amazing," said Mark Shaffer, a spokesman for the state agency.

"At times we had to create three lines of traffic in the parking lot at Estrella Mountain Community College to keep all the cars from backing up on the roadway," Shaffer said.

A total of 58,524 pounds, including unwanted computers, monitors and printers, was gathered during the seven-hour collection at the college, he said.

The previous highs for the number of vehicles were 672 for an event at Glendale Community College last October and 600 at an event in Sun City West in January 2010, Shaffer said.

The record for the most volume was 163,936 pounds at a recycling event in Show Low last August, Shaffer said.

Sponsors for the Avondale effort, including ADEQ and the college, were Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Tolleson, the Littleton Elementary School District and E-Waste Harvesters, a Phoenix collection firm.

There were 257 drop-offs by Goodyear residents, 153 from Avondale, 145 from Litchfield Park and 43 from Buckeye.

Phoenix residents made 36 drop-offs; Surprise, 32; Sun City, 20, Glendale, 13; Tolleson, 14; Waddell, 12; Peoria, 7; Sun City West, 9, Tonopah, 5, El Mirage, 3; and Gila Bend, 1; according to Shaffer.

The e-waste recycling event was described by Nora Fascenelli, a Goodyear spokeswoman, as a "roaring success."

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