



"Anything with a Cord" collects more than 87 tons

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The city of Napa, in partnership with Napa Recycling & Waste Services and Napa Valley College, collected more than 65 tons of unwanted computer equipment, televisions, telephones and other electronic junk at the city's 10th annual electronics recycling event last month.

More than 22 tons of appliances were also collected to be sent to scrap metal recyclers, the city reported. Total tonnage exceeded last year's collection.

Nearly 900 vehicles dropped off material during the two-day event, which continues to bring in among the highest per-capita collection totals of electronic waste in the country, officials said.

The electronic waste dropped off was screened for potential reuse by two local nonprofit organizations — Napa Valley Computers to Schools and Computer Recycling Center. Both organizations refurbish and donate working equipment to schools, community organizations and others in need. These two groups collected more than six tons of equipment for reuse.

The electronics that were not reusable will be shipped and processed for recycling by Fresno-based Electronic Recyclers International, the largest recycler of e-waste in California.

ERI is approved by the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Toxic Substance Control as an authorized electronics recycling outlet, and has a state-of-the-art system to ensure the integrity of the equipment as it is processed for recycling.

Residents who missed the collection event can drop-off anything with a cord daily at no charge at the Napa Recycling & Composting Facility, 820 Levitin Way, off of Highway 29 just north of American Canyon.

The facility is also a partner of the California Cash for Appliances program and able to accept appliances for recycling under the program.