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**PROVINCE ESTABLISHES  
FIRST YEAR-ROUND E-WASTE DEPOTS**

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**New Collection Sites, Expanded Hours  
To Improve Recycling Services: Rondeau**

Manitobans can now recycle their old computer equipment, VCRs, stereos, microwaves and phones at new, year-round e-waste depots with extended hours of operation throughout the province, Science, Technology, Energy and Mines Minister Jim Rondeau and Conservation Minister Stan Struthers announced today.

"We are thrilled Manitobans will now have year-round options to get rid of their old electronics and keep them out of landfills," said Rondeau, during the announcement today at Computers for Schools in Winnipeg, one of 10 new year-round depots.

"We know that Manitobans are eager to recycle and the province is responding to an overwhelming demand by Manitobans to establish year-round e-waste recycling services," Struthers said.

Beginning tomorrow, Manitobans will have access to 30 e-waste collection depots. Ten of these sites will offer year-round collection including five in Winnipeg. More sites will be added over the course of the summer.

"During the past 15 years, we have been refurbishing computers donated by the public, governments and businesses," said Karen Kerr, executive director, Computers for Schools. "We are happy with the partnership with Green Manitoba because it allows us to provide a needed service to Manitoba schools and communities."

The provincial government is investing more than \$1 million dollars to support the network of collection depots as well as the transportation and environmentally responsible recycling of discarded electronics.

Year-round depots have been established in Nette at Southwest Community Options, 210 Queen St.; in Selkirk at Responsible Electronic Recycling, 511 Robinson Ave.; in Minnedosa-Neepawa at Evergreen Environmental Technologies on PR 466; in Steinbach at Eastman Recycling, 60 Industrial Rd; and at the City of Brandon MRF at 3000 Victoria Ave. E.

This year, an additional drop-off location will be available to the public in Transcona, establishing seven convenient depot locations in Winnipeg. New collection points have been established in Flin Flon and Manitou with more communities expected to sign on as the program grows throughout the province. Extended operating hours and a longer duration of the 2009 summer campaign will enhance access and convenience for the public.

Electronic waste depots will accept the following materials from residential sources only: TVs, VCRs, stereos, microwaves, phones, computer equipment, laptops, printers, scanners, fax machines and copiers. All e-waste collected will be sent for proper end-of-life recycling and no materials will be sent to landfills, the ministers said.

During the last two years, Manitobans have dropped off more than one million kilograms of electronic waste at temporary collection depots operated by local communities, businesses and non-profit recycling centres. This is the equivalent of diverting 95 semi-trailer loads of electronic waste out of landfills by recycling the waste through the provincial E-waste Roundup program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ATTACHED

# Backgrounder

Depot collection will begin May 15. Specific times and dates and all the latest information is available at [www.greenmanitoba.ca](http://www.greenmanitoba.ca) or by calling 1-866-460-3118.

Winnipeg
<b>Computers for Schools,* 170 Wyatt Rd. (until July 31); 75 Terracon Pl. (after Aug. 1)</b>
<b>Miller Environmental,* 1803 Hekla Ave.</b>
<b>Syrotech Industries,* 93 Gomez St.</b>
<b>Powerland Computers,* 170 Marion St.</b>
<b>Powerland Computers,* 40 Durand St.</b>
Urbanmine, 72 Rothwell Rd.
CR Computers, 24 - 2077 Pembina Hwy. (south of Bishop Grandin Boulevard)
Eastman
Pinawa – Pinawa Recycling, north on PR 211 at Lagoon Road
<b>Steinbach* – Eastman Recycling, 60 Industrial Rd.</b>
Westman
Virден – Salvage Kraft, 411 King St.
Wawanesa – Village of Wawanesa Waste Transfer Station
Baldur – Southwest Community Options, 225 Second St.
Killarney – Killarney Recycling Depot, 610 Williams Ave.
Dunrea – RM of Riverside Nuisance Grounds
<b>Ninette* – Southwest Community Options, 210 Queen St.</b>
Carberry - Carberry Waste Transfer Station, one mile west on PR 351
<b>Minnedosa, Neepawa* – Evergreen Environmental Technologies, PR 466</b>
<b>Brandon* – City of Brandon MRF, 3000 Victoria Ave. E</b>
Shoal Lake – Shoal Lake and District Recycling and Landfill
Parkland
Dauphin – Kinsmen Recycling Site (location to be announced)
Swan River – Valley Lions Recycling and Landfill Site, one mile south
Interlake
St. Francois Xavier – Transfer Station, corner of Rosser Road and Two Mile Road
<b>Selkirk* – Responsible Electronic Recycling , 511 Robinson Ave.</b>
North
Flin Flon – Flin Flon Recycling Centre, 9 Timber Lane
Thompson – Thompson Recycling Centre, 16 Severn Cres.
Central
Pilot Mound/Crystal City – Louise Waste, north of junction of PTH 3 and PTH 34
Manitou – Pembina/Manitou Recycling Centre, 261 Main St.
Carman – Carman Waste Transfer Station, one mile south and one mile west
Morden – Pembina Valley Containers, 160 Grant St.
Portage la Prairie – Public Works Yard, 495 - 11 <sup>th</sup> St. N. W.

\* Year-round depots