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# Press Release

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## **Westminster Gets Wired**

In June, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) awarded grants to municipalities for the institution or initiation of local recycling programs for computer and video display devices under the Statewide Electronics Recycling Program. The City of Westminster applied and received a \$25,000 grant from MDE to start an electronics recycling program in Westminster.

As a result, starting in August 2009, Westminster will establish a mobile electronics waste recycling center known as the Westminster Initiative to Recycle E-waste Drop-off Center (W.I.R.E.D. Center). The W.I.R.E.D. center will be used as a mobile electronics waste recycling center for residents to drop off electronics waste, which will allow the City to separate the collection of computers, video display devices, and other forms of electronic waste from the regular bulk trash; thereby, reducing the amount of trash entering the landfill.

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The W.I.R.E.D. center will allow the City to properly recycle or dispose of electronic waste by encouraging residents to participate easily and conveniently, City Staff plan to work to make the drop-off day into a positive event for residents.

The first drop off day will be August 1, 2009 from 8 to 4pm at 105 Railroad Avenue, at the City of Westminster Maintenance Department. The program will continue the first Saturday of each month until December and then resume in the spring.

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