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Ecycling event provides chance to rid house of old electronics

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – They may advertise that they keep going and going, but eventually all batteries die. Fort Leonard Wood is offering a final resting place by way of recycling.

To recognize America Recycles Day, batteries and old electronics will be laid to rest today at a bi-annual ecycling event.

“The idea is to keep these things out of the landfill,” said Craig French, Department of Public Works, Solid Waste and Recycling Program manager. “Everything gets recycled. We don’t waste anything.”

Recycling of old unwanted electronics begins at 9 a.m. in the southwest parking lot of Nutter Field House. Items will be accepted until 2 p.m., today.

“We pay for this with recycling funds, as a service to our community,” French said.

The household electronic recycling collection is for active-duty Soldiers and their Families, retirees and Department of the Army civilians. Acceptable items for turn-in include computers, fax machines, printers, cell phones, scanners, stereos, video and sound equipment, televisions and digital cameras.

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New for the recycling – household batteries will be accepted.

“If they bring them to us, we can make sure they are properly disposed of or recycled. In the landfill, overtime, the batteries will break down and leak out into our drinking water,” said Shannon Cain, Hazardous Waste Program manager.

No large appliances or lead-acid car batteries will be accepted, and nothing can be dropped off belonging to a government or business, said DPW officials.

Proper disposal of electronic waste is central to good management of electronics as mandated in the President’s Executive Order 13514, which sets goals for the federal government to take responsibility for keeping electronics out of the landfill.

This is one of two recycling events that the Solid Waste and Recycling Program hosts. The next event is scheduled for April 2015 to honor Earth Day.

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About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains more than 80,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command’s U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army’s largest Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment,

which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.
