

Save the Planet: recycle outdated electronics at the 4th annual Green Expo at Palm Beach State College Oct. 15

(Lake Worth, Fla. – Oct. 5, 2011) If you have a closet or drawer full of outdated electronic devices—laptop and desktop computers, MP3 players, cell phones—recycle them safely instead of kicking them to the curb with the rest of the trash. For the first, the annual Green Expo at Palm Beach State College's Lake Worth campus is accepting outdated electronics. ARC Broward Electronic Recycling Services will be at the Oct. 15 event to accept the detritus of our modern age.

“The community has asked for [electronics recycling] every year we've had the Green Expo,” said Sandi Barrett, program manager for Trade & Industry Continuing Education and organizer of the event. “People can bring their used electronics to the expo and dispose of them in a manner that's not harmful to the environment.”

The Green Expo, now in its fourth year, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Education and Training Center on the southeast corner of Lake Worth Road. and Congress Avenue. Palm Beach State College's Green Institute is hosting this free, earth-friendly event featuring educational sessions and exhibits for everyone, from homeowners to industry contractors. More than 50 exhibitors and sponsors are expected to be on hand to display products, services and offer useful information on innovative ways to help save the planet.

Sustainability and “green living” workshops also will be held throughout the day. Featured presentations include:

- **“Using REVIT to Design Green”** – Eugene Fagan is a Florida Registered Architect and adjunct professor for REVIT (building design software) at Palm Beach State College. His main emphasis is using technology for applying sustainability to buildings in Florida, Central America and Africa. Fagan will demonstrate the benefits of using REVIT in going green. It is now possible to create a virtual building with REVIT and analyze its energy performance. The data generated by REVIT can then be loaded directly into the LEED rating

system.

- **"Protecting Big Fish in the Gulf of Mexico"** – Cameron Jaggard, Pew Environmental Group. Jaggard is a policy analyst and field organizer for the Pew Environmental Group's Gulf of Mexico Surface Longline Campaign. Atlantic bluefin tuna, sea turtles and other deeply depleted species are caught and killed incidentally by surface longline fishermen in the Gulf. Jaggard will discuss this growing threat and offer solutions that will conserve marine species while keeping fishermen in business.
- **"Urban Heat Islands: What it means to Community Development"** – Rafael Jimenez is a member of the Florida Concrete & Products Association. He assists construction and design communities with the development of conventional and pervious concrete pavements. Urban heat islands are an unfortunate side effect of community development. This presentation will describe the UHI effect, and discuss effective mitigation strategies. Solutions will be presented for developing sustainable "cool" communities.

Limited exhibitor space to the Green Expo is still available, and interested participants can register online at www.greenexpo-fl.com. For more information on the expo, including a comprehensive list of electronic items accepted for recycling, visit the event webpage at www.palmbeachstate.edu/GreenExpo.xml, or contact Sandi Barrett at (561) 868-3885.

The Green Institute at Palm Beach State offers continuing education courses in environmentally sound practices throughout the year. For more information, visit www.palmbeachstate.edu/GreenInstitute.xml.

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