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Electronics Recycling Hits Major Milestone in Dunn County

The Dunn County Solid Waste Division is pleased to announce that Dunn County residents have recycled over one million pounds of electronics. Between July 2010 and November 2013 exactly 1,065,930 lbs of electronics have been recycled by the county. Based on the population of Dunn County, that averages out to 24 pounds of electronics per person. Types of electronics recycled includes televisions, computer monitors, printers, scanners, laptops, CD, VHS and DVD players, fax machines, computer systems accessories and other miscellaneous electronic items.

In 2009, Governor Jim Doyle signed a bill banning electronics from landfills. This ban, called E-Cycle Wisconsin, applies to households, schools and businesses. It is based upon a product stewardship approach where manufacturers are held accountable for where and how their materials are processed.

When E-Cycle Wisconsin went into effect in 2010, disposal fees were already in place for recycling electronics in Dunn County. Effective January 1, 2011, electronics recycling for residents and K-12 public schools became free. Businesses, non-profits and other organizations were still required to pay a fee for recycling electronics, which varied depending on the item.

Electronics recycling is available at the Transfer Station or any Area Collection Station. For more information call 715-232-4017 or visit the Dunn County Solid Waste Division's webpage at www.co.dunn.wi.us and search for "Electronic Recycling".

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Photo caption: Eugene Stratton (left) is just one of the many local residents that contributed to the 1,065,940 pounds of electronics recycled in Dunn County since 2010. Eugene is photographed at the Connorsville Collection Station with site attendants Bob Christopherson (center) and Dennis Minter (right).