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Three Million Pounds of Waste Electronics Collected in First Year

The Saskatchewan Waste Electronic Equipment Program (SWEEP) is celebrating a very successful first year of operation.

Since SWEEP's inception one year ago today, more than **three million pounds** of waste electronics have been collected and disposed in an environmentally responsible manner.

"We are very pleased that the public is responding to the option of recycling their waste electronics rather than throwing it in a closet or basement or worse - into the landfill. The convenience of being able to take it to SARCAN is also a factor in the response rate we've seen in just the first year of operations," said Joan Meyer, SWEEP Executive Director.

In the past year the SWEEP program has collected:

- **32,500 Computers**
- **22,500 Printers**
- **46,500 Keyboards and Mice**
- **1,000 Laptops**
- **40,000 Monitors**
- **15,500 Televisions**

SWEEP is a non-profit corporation established by manufacturers, retailers, and other stakeholders to collect and dispose of waste computers, printers and televisions. The program is funded by Environmental Handling Fees paid on the purchase of new electronic equipment. More information on the program can be found at www.sweepit.ca.

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