

News Release

Minnesota's CRT Ban
Disposal of Electronics at Reduced Rates

In 2003, the Minnesota Legislature passed a law to ban the disposal, as garbage, of electronics containing a cathode-ray tube (CRT).

The statewide ban on disposing of electronics with trash will go into effect this year. It is already illegal for businesses to put electronics into the waste stream. Starting July 1, 2006, the ban now extends to include residential electronics as well.

CRT's are considered the largest single source of lead in Minnesota's municipal waste, containing 5 to 8 pounds of lead per unit. Lead makes up approximately 20% of each CRT. The ban will keep toxic lead out of landfills and will increase the amount of materials being recycled.

Pipestone County, in conjunction with D's Sanitation, will offer an electronics recycling collection on Tuesday, June 27, 2006 between 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at D's Sanitation Transfer Station, 1600 State Highway 30 in Pipestone.

Computer monitors and towers, printers, fax machines and televisions smaller than 19 inches will be accepted for just \$10.00. All computers and TV sets (not consoles) larger than 19 inches will be accepted for \$15.00. Console television sets will have a charge of \$25.00.

If you have any questions, please call 825-6765 or 825-3670.