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Computer and TV Collection to Change

Beginning February 1, 2005 Longmeadow's computer and TV (CRT) recycling program will change.. Longmeadow residents will no longer be able to bring a computer or TV to the Goodwill drop-off at the Longmeadow shops on Saturdays. Residents will, however, still be able to recycle their computers and TVs at the Recycling Center during regular operating hours. A fee is charged and an annual Recycling Center sticker is required.

CRT's have been banned from disposal in landfills and waste to energy facilities since April 2000 because of the high amount of lead in the screen. Longmeadow has had a CRT collection program in partnership with Goodwill since 1999 and has collected over 155,000 pounds of computers and TVs for recycling. Goodwill sighted a reduction in staff and increased handling cost as their reason for no longer being able to participate in program.

After February 1, 2005, Longmeadow residents may continue to bring their CRTs to the Recycling Center on Pondsides Road for a fee and with an Annual Recycling Center sticker. They may also bring CRTs to the Goodwill facility on Dorsett Street in East Longmeadow and pay the Goodwill fee. CRTs may not be disposed of in the trash.

For more information call the Recycling Commission at 565-4153