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Joint Media Release

Recycling Roundup taking place at Clairmont Centre for Recycling & Waste Management

The County, in partnership with the Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA), will be hosting its Annual Recycling Roundup at the Clairmont Centre for Recycling & Waste Management on Saturday, October 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents can bring household hazardous waste, used oil materials, unwanted computer equipment, tires, TVs, and paint to the facility, located north of Township Road 724 on Range Road 63, to be safely disposed of, free-of-charge. Recycling bins for tin, paper, cardboard, and glass will also be available. Refundable bottles collected at the event will go towards the County's Bottle Donation Program, which supports local non-profit and charitable organizations.

Anyone who stops by with recyclables can enter to win great prizes, including an electric shovel for snow removal valued at \$120!

"It's essential to keep old electronics and other hazardous items out of our landfills," said Jennifer Besinger, County Technical Services Manager. "Although many of these items are collected regularly at our facilities, the roundup event is a great reminder for residents of our recycling programs, especially during fall cleaning."

The County's electronic recycling (e-waste) program was recently expanded as part of a two-year pilot project with Alberta Recycling. Just over 500 additional types of electronics can be recycled during operating hours at County waste management facilities and transfer stations, including small home appliances, musical instruments, toys, audio visual equipment, power tools, cell phones, and more.

"ARMA is proud to support Grand Prairie in helping their residents recycle and happy to support all municipalities to encourage recycling." notes Caroline McAuley, Chair of ARMA.

The leftover latex paint collected through the roundup is recycled into new paint; oil-based paint is used in fuel recovery. The computer equipment and TVs are taken apart and separated into metal, glass and plastic, then shipped to manufacturers for recycling into new products.

For more information on the County's various recycling and waste management programs, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/recycleprograms. For more information on Alberta's Electronics, Paint, Tire and Used Oil Materials Recycling Programs, visit www.albertarecycling.ca.

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