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Re: Electronic waste collected during student move out period

You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as owning rental property in the region considered to be the student apartment area of Madison. A map of the student apartment area in question is enclosed.

As you know, the annual move out period in the student apartment area presents numerous challenges for property owners, residents/renters, and City employees. These challenges are particularly daunting for the Streets Division, who is tasked with collecting substantial amounts of trash and recycling that accumulate in the right-of-way in a short period of time.

Because of the size and scope of the annual student move out, this letter serves as notice for owners of rental properties within the student move area indicated on the enclosed map, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 66.0628(2m), that if any televisions, monitors, laptops, or computers are placed to the curb in front of your property contrary to Madison General Ordinance 10.18(13) during the yearly student move out period, that the Streets Division shall cause these items to be removed and disposed of properly. The student move period for 2019 begins July 29 and will continue until August 31.

If a television, monitor, or computer is collected from the curb at a property you own in the student apartment area of Madison as indicated on the enclosed map during the student move period, your property will thereafter be charged the required recycling fee plus an additional \$30 administrative fee for each item collected.

Under Madison General Ordinances Sec. 10.18(13), no televisions, computer monitors, laptop or desktop computers, or CPUs may be placed or kept on any terrace or curbside for collection by the City and must, instead, be disposed of at an authorized recycling site or other lawful manner. Moreover, every property owner is responsible for maintaining their property in accordance with this requirement.

Televisions and monitors contain hazardous material such as lead and mercury. Computers can hold sensitive data and rare earth metals. During the yearly student move out period, when these kind of items have been set to the curb they have ended up broken, creating hazards in the right-of-way and allowing harmful materials to enter the City's storm drains. In order for them to be safely recycled, they must be taken to a Streets Division drop-off site or to another reputable private recycler.

Please contact your tenants to be sure they are aware of their responsibilities during the move out

process, and how they can safely recycle these electronics and other items. If you received this letter but do not own property within the student move area, please consider this information a reminder of appropriate electronics recycling practices.

Information regarding recycling in Madison can be found in the Recyclopedia (which can be downloaded from the Streets Division website, or printed copies can be mailed by request or picked up at Madison public libraries). Information can also be found on fact sheets available for downloading on the Streets Division website. The fact sheets and Recyclopedias are available in English, Spanish, Hmong, and Mandarin. The Streets Division website is www.cityofmadison.com/streets.

The City offers two drop-off sites for recycling of electronics. The sites are located at 1501 W. Badger Rd. and 4602 Sycamore Ave.

For Madison residents and taxpayers to recycle televisions, computers, monitors, and laptops at these sites, they must purchase a recycling fee sticker. The recycling fee for televisions is \$15. For monitors, computers, and laptops the cost is \$10. Other electronic items, including tablet computers and cell phones, do not require an additional fee.

For more information about the Streets Division's electronics recycling program and locations for sticker sales, please see the following website www.cityofmadison.com/ecycle.

For additional options for electronics recycling in the area, go to the DNR E-Cycle Wisconsin website, dnr.wi.gov/topic/ecycle and click the "Find a recycler" link.

Information specifically pertaining to the student move process, which includes details regarding the extra collections performed in the student apartment area during this period and information on handling illegally dumped items, can be found on the Streets Division's Moving Days website, www.cityofmadison.com/movingdays.

For additional questions or requests, contact the Streets Division offices. Office hours are 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday. The west side office, which services properties west of South Park Street, is located at 1501 W. Badger Rd and can be reached at 608-266-4681. The east side office, which services properties east of South Park Street, is located at 4602 Sycamore Ave and can be reached at 608-246-4532. Questions can also be emailed to streets@cityofmadison.com

Sincerely,



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