



## AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Facilities Management | Building Services | Waste Reduction & Recycling

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 10, 2014

### **Auburn University, East Alabama Recycling Partnership to Host Community-Wide Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding Event**

AUBURN UNIVERSITY – Auburn University, in conjunction with the East Alabama Recycling Partnership (EARP) and Keep Opelika Beautiful, will host an electronics recycling and document shredding event Saturday, March 22 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Saughatchee Square, 3700 Pepperell Parkway, Opelika. The event is free and open to the public.

Items that will be accepted are: computers (CPUs, laptops, monitors and peripherals); cell phones, telephones and telephone systems; printers, copiers, fax machines and office equipment; banking, financial and medical equipment; electronic circuit boards and components; games, stereos and PDAs; televisions, refrigerators, air conditioning units, stoves, washers, dryers and hot water heaters; and rechargeable batteries.

In addition, confidential paper documents can be brought for destruction to a mobile, on-site shredding truck. Documents are shredded, mixed with thousands of pounds of other shredded paper, and sent to recyclers in 20-ton loads. There is a 10 box limit per vehicle.

Monetary donations and nonperishable food items will be collected to benefit the Food Bank of East Alabama. This organization works to feed hungry people, reduce food waste, and raise public awareness of issues related to food and hunger. The most needed items are canned goods (meats, vegetables, fruits); canned and boxed meals (soup, macaroni and cheese); peanut butter; canned or dried beans; pasta, rice and cereal; and fruit juice (canned, plastic or boxed).

Since 2009, this event has collected nearly 85 tons of electronics and 18.5 tons of paper for recycling. EARP members are Auburn University, Lee County and the cities of Auburn and Opelika. The vision of the partnership is to establish a comprehensive and coordinated regional recycling program to divert material from landfills. Sharing ideas and resources have enhanced the partners recycling programs and provides a strong foundation for the future.

More information about Auburn University's recycling program is available online at [auburn.edu/recycle](http://auburn.edu/recycle). More information about the East Alabama Recycling Partnership is available online at [eastalrecycles.org](http://eastalrecycles.org).

(Written by Joan Hicken.)

#### Contact:

Joan Hicken, Coordinator, Waste Reduction & Recycling, (334) 844-9461, [jlh0067@auburn.edu](mailto:jlh0067@auburn.edu)  
Barnese Adair-Wallace, Director, Building Services, (334) 844-9676, [adairbw@auburn.edu](mailto:adairbw@auburn.edu)

###