



## AUBURN UNIVERSITY

WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING

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### **Auburn University, East Alabama Recycling Partnership to host community-wide electronics recycling and confidential document destruction event**

Auburn University, in conjunction with the East Alabama Recycling Partnership (EARP) and Keep Opelika Beautiful, will host an electronics recycling and confidential document destruction event Saturday, September 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Saugahatchee Square, 3700 Pepperell Parkway, Opelika. The event is free and open to the public.

Items that will be accepted at the event are: computers (CPU's and laptops, mainframes, peripherals, flat screen and CRT monitors); electronic circuit boards and components; cell phones, telephones and telephone systems; printers, copiers, fax machines and office equipment; banking, financial and medical equipment; games, stereos and PDA's; rechargeable batteries; refrigerators, air conditioning units, stoves, washers, dryers and hot water heaters.

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 three 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 over 73 tons of electronics and nearly 10 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.

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