

## WASTE REDUCTION SPOTLIGHT

### The Habitat for Humanity ReStore

[www.hfhanchorage.org/restore](http://www.hfhanchorage.org/restore)

5023 Cordova St. 743-8060

The ReStore is a retail business selling donated new and used building materials, electrical fixtures, appliances, kitchen cabinets, and even doghouses at greatly reduced prices. Since the ReStore's opening in November 2004, it has diverted 3.4 million pounds of material from the Anchorage landfill.

The income generated from the ReStore is used to build more homes for low-income families and to support administrative expenses.

The ReStore differs from other donation/resale stores such as Value Village and the Salvation Army in that it targets building materials. It does not accept clothing or regular household items. The ReStore can arrange for pick-up for most materials and all donations are tax deductible. Please call ahead or check the website before dropping them off to ensure that your items are acceptable.



## Electronics Recycling

It's the biggest waste wave we've ever seen! Electronics just keep going out of date faster and faster, generating hundreds of thousands of pounds of electronics waste in Anchorage every year. These electronics contain valuable metals and other components that can be reused or recycled. Computers, TVs, toaster ovens, cell phones, digital games, and other electronic devices are just a few of the items that can be recycled at Total Reclaim, 561-0544 [www.totalreclaim.com](http://www.totalreclaim.com).

Total Reclaim will host four residential recycling days in January and February. Bring your electronics and pay a flat rate for TVs or just 35¢/lb for all other electronics.

### Saturday, 10am – 4pm

January 10 & 24  
February 7 & 21

### TVs recycling rates:

up to 19" = \$15	19" to 27" = \$25
27" to 34" = \$35	over 34" = \$50

## The Scoop on Schools!

One of the biggest changes in recycling this year is in our schools. The Anchorage School District implemented a mixed-paper recycling program at the beginning of the 2008-2009 academic year. The program is being funded by the Municipality of Anchorage Solid Waste Services in partnership with Green Star and Alaska Waste.

The program goal is to supply mixed-paper collection bins and recycling dumpsters to every school and facility within the District by August 2009. That's more than 100 locations recycling paper! Currently, 34 schools and facilities have mixed-paper dumpsters, with approximately 28-35 more phased into the program each quarter.

The District is focusing on paper first because it is the largest recyclable material generated in schools. It is estimated that more than 1,000 tons can be diverted from the waste stream annually once the program is fully implemented.

Important tips from the School District's Recycling Coordinator, Amy Kirn-Leist:

- Be sure to read the labels on dumpsters so you are not putting any trash in the recycling dumpsters. This lowers the value of the material.
- Don't use your school's dumpsters for household trash!

## Will I need a new TV when the world goes digital next year?

If you are currently using a TV that has either a roof top antenna or "rabbit ears" and is not hooked up to a cable service, you will need to make some changes before February 17, 2009. On that date, analog broadcasts will cease and all TV signals will be digital. Your options?

- Keep using your old TV by purchasing a digital-to-analog converter box. They cost about \$40-\$70 and the government is offering coupons to help you pay for these. Visit [www.DTV2009.gov](http://www.DTV2009.gov) for information or call 888-388-2009. Look for an Energy Star rated converter box to save energy. Visit [www.energystar.gov/products](http://www.energystar.gov/products).
- Buy a digital TV. Be sure to reuse or RECYCLE your old TV! See Electronics Recycling information above.
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