

TGCDC's News Making Information

"Paid To Be Poisoned"

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Did you know recycling your trash properly helps underserved communities globally?

- What are your recycling practices make it a family effort.
- Create Community Recycling Projects

Many people are unaware of the toxins contained in our computers, cell phones, scanners, and printers. What is the possible consequence of not properly disposing of our outdated or broken electronics?

Has this been part of your routine? Toss it in your garbage; place it in a closet along with previous gadgets; or dump it illegally. None of these is acceptable. After being dumped someone is paid to move it to the next stage of contamination: What some people call, "Paid to Be Poisoned."

The US Environmental Protection Agency is implementing a strategic plan, starting this year through 2015, whose focus will be on enforcing environmental laws, ensuring the safety of chemicals and preventing pollution, cleaning up our communities, protecting American waters, taking action on climate change, and improving air quality.

A portion of the plan consists of closing more than 2,000 dumps in the US to deal with E-Waste (electronic waste). When dumped illegally this waste causes ground water contamination that can end up in our water supplies.



Communities that are usually directly affected are in economically disadvantaged areas where the dump sites are located. Hazardous waste is then collected from these sites, many times without the proper protective gear, piled into a shipping container filled with various electronics, which usually end up in Asia, or Africa. At the final dumping location it is set ablaze for hours on end, creating global air pollution.

We all have to determine our role in how we deal with environmental issues that connect us all. How "GREEN" do you think you are?

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