

New Business to Help Recycle Electronic Waste

Loren Loomis has started a new recycling business in Vernonia that will focus on processing and handling all your old electronics that you are ready to part with.

Loomis is a long-time volunteer and lieutenant with the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District, as well as the person who has coordinated the annual July 4th fireworks display for the

last several years. His new business Loomis E-Waste Recycling, will collect old computers, hard drives, monitors, printers, networking gear like modems and routers, keyboards and mice, along with cell phones, cameras, and even old stereos. Loomis says he is currently unable to process larger appliances.

"I'm trying to provide a way for people in our community to dispose of

their old and used electronics," explains Loomis. "I noticed that over the years I'd gathered quite a pile of old stuff in my garage that I will never turn on again, plus it takes up space. I was trying to find a way to keep that stuff from ending up in landfills."

Loomis says that in researching the viability of this type of business he learned that there is a market for the

raw parts that come from dismantled electronics, including the steel, plastic, copper and aluminum.

"I thought maybe I could provide this service and start a small business out of this," says Loomis. "In the beginning it was kind of selfish - I was looking for a way to get rid of my stuff without it going to the landfill. But in the end, it kind of struck a chord with me that I might be able to figure out a way to do this for other people as well."

Loomis has a good background for this type of business. He spent over 18 years designing circuit boards. "I do know my way around electronics and what is worth taking apart and what isn't," he says.

If you have any type of electronic equipment that you no longer need or use, that is taking up space, Loren Loomis wants to hear from you. You can call him to set up an appointment and he will come and get your gear and dispose of it for you.

You can reach Loren Loomis and Loomis E-Waste Recycling at (503) 396-8433.



Make sure your holidays are wrapped in safety.

One of the best gifts you can give your family for the holidays is a safe home. While you're decking the halls, check that you've done all you can to prevent fires. Make sure that all light strings, electrical cords and power strips are in good condition and suited to the job. Don't overload your outlets. Inspect and clean the chimney and fireplace before you ever light a match. Always use a fireplace screen. Keep your live tree well watered.

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