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Electronic waste requires a special throw-away day

WHAT: Bethel Island E-waste Day
WHEN: Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
WHERE: 6777 Riverview Drive (at the end of Gateway) Bethel Island
WHO: Bethel Island MAC & Bethel Island Chamber of Commerce
INFO: Belinda Bittner, 925-684-3220

Remember 4-track tapes or computer program cards? Want to upgrade your cell phone and you need to dump your older model? Have an old computer gathering dust in your garage?

Researchers estimate that nearly 75 percent of old electronics are in storage, most likely because owners are uncertain how to get rid of their dated office equipment.

The Bethel Island Municipal Advisory Council and the Bethel Island Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring an E-Waste Day on Saturday, May 20. The free collection of electronic discards will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 6777 Riverview Drive, Bethel Island.

Technology is changing so fast, electronic gadgets quickly become obsolete. As a result, electronic discards is one of the fastest growing segments in our nation's trash pile.

E-waste is the popular, informal name for electronic products nearing the end of their "useful life." Computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, digital cameras, and fax machines are common electronic products that will be collected.

The exceptions include: copy machines, microwave ovens, refrigerators, household appliances, smoke detectors or batteries.

The MAC and Chamber are partnering with the Electronic Waste Management, a division of the Acquisitions Office, a state-funded program to collect and recycle e-waste.