

Local Recycling Group Awarded Funds

REWIND, a local recycling group based in Red Lodge, has received a \$500 award from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality to publicize an electronic recycling event to be held in Red Lodge on June 9. REWIND, Recycling Electronic Waste Into New Devices, is a newly formed group for the purpose of educating our greater community about recycling electronic waste, keeping hazardous as well as valuable and scarce materials from landfills and coolers, and making electronic waste recycling easily accessible to our community.

Electronic waste is anything that plugs in that is no longer

used such as old televisions, computers, monitors, telephones, radios and cell phones. Some of these devices contain some pretty nasty materials like mercury, lead, cadmium and PCBs that can pollute water and air resources without proper disposal or recycling. Electronics also contain valuable metals and components that can be used again in another manufacturing process. The Montana DEQ has information on electronics recycling at <http://www.deq.mt.gov/Recycle/Electronics/default.mcp>.

Look for upcoming announcements on the June 9 recycling event.