



# Recycling the World

**T**his weekend sees the 4th Annual Electronic Recycling Event take place June 13 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the First Interstate Bank Parking Lot in Red Lodge. Please bring your unwanted televisions, computers, monitors, printer, radios along to the event. If it plugs in or has a battery it may be electronic waste.

The event is sponsored by REWIND (Recycle Electronic Waste Into New Devices).

According to [www.electronicstakeback.com](http://www.electronicstakeback.com) in 2010 nearly 52,000,000 computers (423,000 tons) were disposed of with 40 percent of this being recycled.

A total of 35,800,000 monitors (595,000 tons) were shifted with 33 percent being recycled. Around 28,500,000 televisions (1,040 tons) were chucked with a 17 percent recycling rate. Mobile devices were the largest recycled item at 152,000,000 ((19,500

tons) with an 11 percent recycle value.

The mind boggles at the stats as to how that much stuff exists in the World and how the earth does not break its back as it toils under our trash.

Remember it is not over, and maybe will never be over as projection of global sales for computers is

expected to be 268,000,000 and for tele-

visions 253,000,000 by this year. Smart phones are expected to top 1.9 billion by 2017. Keep on fighting for the future as every bit counts.

