

## **Free Electronic Waste Collection Event at Ironbound District's Peter Francisco Park**

### ***COVID-19 Guidelines in Place for Drop-Offs***

Newark residents can contribute to a cleaner and healthier community by bringing their old, unused electronics to a free e-waste collection event taking place, rain or shine, on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Peter Francisco Park, located between Edison Place and Ferry Street near Penn Station in Newark's Ironbound District from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. A satellite collection site will also be available at BCB Bank (269 Ferry Street) during the same hours for added convenience so that even more people can participate.

For the health and safety of all, COVID-19 guidelines, including only one person per vehicle, social distancing, and mandatory face masks, will be followed. Items for disposal must be placed in car trunks; no containers or boxes will be returned.

Items that can be collected include, but are not limited to, computer laptops and desktops, televisions, monitors, mice, keyboards and peripherals, CD/VCR/DVD players, small home office copiers/fax machines, MP3 players, photo/video cameras, and more.

Prohibited items include hazardous wastes/liquids, loose batteries, toner cartridges, fluorescent lamps, and appliances like washers, dryers, and stoves. Household appliances that contain freon or oil, like refrigerators, air conditioners, and space heaters, are also prohibited.

The event is a community partnership between the Ironbound Business Improvement District (IBID), Covanta, a world-leading sustainable waste and materials management company and operator of the Essex County Resource Recovery Facility in Newark, and technology leader Panasonic North America, in cooperation with the City of Newark and Urban Renewal Corporation, a local not-for-profit emergency housing and social services organization.

Collected materials will be recycled at Covanta's electronic waste processing facility, an R2 and e-Stewards certified operation, and at Urban Renewal's Training & Development Center located in the greater Newark area and at their R2 facility in Philadelphia. Both entities provide data destruction security measures, however it is recommended that residents wipe all data from their devices prior to dropping them off.

The proper collection and recycling of electronic items helps keep hazardous materials out of the waste stream to improve air quality by reducing the amount of electronics discarded in regular household trash. This, in turn, also reduces the need to mine more raw materials from the earth, further protecting our environment.

**For Ironbound residents and business owners** that need assistance in delivering their electronic waste to the drop off location, arrangements can be made beforehand by contacting the IBID. To schedule a drop off, or for information about pick up options on April 22 for your e-waste, contact the IBID at 973-491-9191. For more information about the event visit

<https://na.panasonic.com/us/event/e-waste-recycling-event>.