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## In this edition: “Electric Sunday” Recycling Program

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#### Successful "Electric Sunday" Program Expands to Include Fluorescent Light Recycling

The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program, in partnership with Covanta Energy, Inc., is preparing to expand the “Electric Sundays” recycling program in 2010. These events will now offer residents an opportunity to recycle fluorescent light bulbs and tubes in addition to televisions, computers and peripheral electronic devices including keyboards, speakers, keyboards, printers, scanners, etc.

“More than eight thousand residents recycled over one million pounds of electronics at the ‘Electric Sunday’ events held at the I-66 Transfer Station during 2009,” said Jeff Smithberger, Director of the Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling. “Thanks to the proven success of this program and the participation of the residents of Fairfax County, we are able to expand this program to include another ‘electric’ item – fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, also known as compact fluorescent lights.”

Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes contain a small amount of mercury. Given the high volume of fluorescent light usage in Fairfax County, properly recycling these bulbs and tubes can prevent mercury from entering our waste management system. Disposal of these materials at a household hazardous waste collection site allows for the recovery and recycling of the mercury, glass and aluminum contained in these bulbs and tubes.

The year 2010 will also include three “Electric Sunday” events to be hosted at the county’s Recycling and Disposal Center located at the I-95 Landfill Complex in Lorton. The complete schedule of events and their locations can be found on the calendar of events page of the Solid Waste Management Program’s web site:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/calendar.htm>

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The 2010 Electric Sundays event schedule will begin with the first event on **Sunday, January 24, 2010, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.** at the I-66 Transfer Station located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax.



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