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Act against e-waste – and win



Old devices and cables are among the unused e-waste wanted for recycling. Picture: Duncan Guy.

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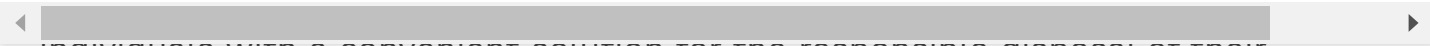


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Durban - Old laptops, tablets, chargers, headphones, cellphones, cables and vape pods all make up what has become the “fastest-growing waste stream in the world” and makes up 70% of toxic waste in landfills, according to Wikipedia.

On the second Saturday of next month, consumers of electronic devices – that is, nearly all of us – will have the opportunity to slow down this rate of pollution, at a local level anyway.



individuals with a convenient solution for the responsible disposal of their unwanted small electronic devices,” read a press release from Circular Energy NPC, which is hosting the event.

“Our e-collection day is about making sustainable choices accessible and convenient for everyone,” said spokesperson Patricia Schröder.

She said discarded items would go to an accredited, licensed recycling company that operates in an environmentally sound manner.

“It can be fully tracked and traced,” she added.

“With technology constantly evolving, it’s crucial that we address the challenge of e-waste responsibly. By providing a hassle-free opportunity to recycle unwanted devices, we hope to inspire positive change in our community.”

The press release added that the October 14 e-collection day not only offered a simple solution for electronic disposal but also served as a platform to raise awareness about the global e-waste crisis.

Participants also stand the chance to win a R1 000 voucher at the centre at which they discard their e-waste.

The Independent on Saturday

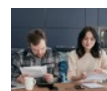
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