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CITY OF OXFORD
MAYOR'S HOME CONSERVATION TIPS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

Technology is improving every day. Today's computers are quickly leaving yesterday's systems in the past — or in your closet, basement or attic.

Computers and other electronics contain some of the most toxic materials of any other product group. Technology items such as cell phones, gaming systems, and computers contain lead, mercury and plastics that are harmful to the air, and many other chemicals that can cause serious damage to the environment. Because of these contaminants, disposing of electronic items can be extremely difficult.

So the question becomes: What are some environmentally friendly ways that we can use to get rid of our old electronics?

- Check with your local recycling centers, find out if they accept electronics, but don't stop there, make sure that **they** dispose of them in an environmentally responsible way before dropping your old items off.

- Dell has made it easy for you to recycle your used computer equipment through Dell Reconnect, a partnership with Goodwill Industries. Simply take your old computer equipment of any brand, working or not, to one of Goodwill's over 2,000 participating locations in the United States or Canada, and they will make sure your system and accessories are refurbished or recycled responsibly.

By recycling old electronics responsibly, you will be reducing waste at the landfill and thereby protecting the environment, and as an added bonus, you will no longer have all those useless machines sitting around cluttering up your home!

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