IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING RECYCLING OF COMPUTERS, COMPUTER MONITORS, TELEVISIONS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The "Covered Device Recycling Act" is an Act establishing a recycling program for certain covered devices, which include:

Covered Computer Device – a desktop or notebook computer, monitor or peripheral.

Covered Television Device – an electronic device that contains a tuner that locks on to a selected carrier frequency and is capable of receiving and displaying television or video programming via broadcast, cable or satellite, including, without limitation, any direct view or projection television with a viewable screen of four inches or larger whose display technology is based on cathode ray tube, plasma, liquid crystal, digital light processing, liquid crystal on silicon, silicon crystal reflective display, light emitting diode or similar technology.

Peripherals – a keyboard, printer or any other device sold exclusively for external use with a computer that provides input into or output from the computer.

In the case of computers, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) strongly recommends that residents:

REDUCE the need to purchase a replacement computer by buying one with ample capacity for upgrades, selecting one that offers a buy-back option, or leasing instead of buying.

REUSE a computer, for example, by giving it as a gift for a student graduation or other occasion, by selling it through the want-ads, or by donating it to a school or a nonprofit organization.

RECYCLE a computer by taking it to a collection location that will send it to an electronics recycler.

Beginning January 24, 2013, landfills and other solid waste disposal facilities in PA will no longer accept covered devices or their components; however, **the Borough's landfill has already enacted a ban on these items**. We are working to implement a recycling collection program, and information will be distributed once it becomes available.

Visit the Berks County Recycling Center at www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/SWA/Recycle for a list of recycling centers and events.

For more information on the Covered Device Recycling Act, visit www.depweb.state.pa.us (select 'Electronics Recycling' from the 'DEP Programs A - Z' menu) or call the Recycling Hotline at 1-800-346-4242.