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City aims to close the digital divide with new e-cycle event

TOPEKA, Kan. – The City of Topeka and [PC's for People](#), an area technology refurbishing company, are partnering together to host a free digital e-cycle event. The event will take place on Saturday, April 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Stormont Vail Events Center, in Parking Lot #1.

During the event, area residents will have the opportunity to dispose of unused household electronic devices, while making a difference in the community.

Devices that are being accepted include desktop computers, laptops, monitors, and tablets. The devices can be in working or non-working condition. After collection, PC's for People will reset and repair the devices. They will then be provided to individuals in Topeka who are in need of digital devices.

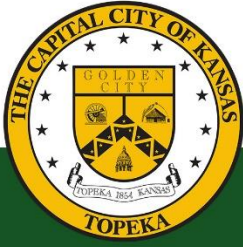
"This event is a terrific opportunity to help connect our low to moderate income neighbors, and work towards the City's digital equity goals," said Monique Glaude, Director of Community Engagement and Ombudsman.

This event is a part of the City's new digital equity program, TSC – Get Digital. TSC – Get Digital is a coalition made up of community members and stakeholders who want to help close the digital divide in Topeka.

"Recycling, refurbishing and getting quality unused computers into the homes of our lower income neighborhoods, is clearly one of the most effective ways of increasing internet adoption and bridging the digital divide," said Lazonne Grays, TSC – Get Digital Coalition Member. "This event highlights the continued commitment by the TSC – Get Digital Coalition to our Topeka community, and I look forward to even greater accomplishments ahead."

"TSC – Get Digital is collecting as many laptops and desktops as possible in order for these to be refurbished and provided to qualifying members of our community," said Scott Gowan, TSC – Get Digital Coalition Member. "Digital Equity is a necessary tool for success in learning, socializing, and seeking support in today's digital world. Our neighbors who do not have these resources need your support to help them bridge that digital divide."

The TSC – Get Digital Coalition was made possible through a [\\$250,000 grant](#) the City received from the Kansas Health Foundation.



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Other electronic items can be disposed of at the Shawnee County Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 131 NE 46th St. There is no charge for disposal with the exception of CRT TVs and monitors. For additional information, please contact the County at 785-286-4381.