

Around Town

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**De Queen Mayor**

The arrival of spring means many people are cleaning their lawns and property after a long winter.

To assist, the week of April 9-13 will be designated as Spring Clean-Up Week in the City of De Queen. During this week, all citizens of De Queen are encouraged to clean their property and dispose of litter and other debris.

The city staff will assist by collecting large items during this week. Anyone who has a big item such as an appliance or refrigerator may call city hall at 584-3445 during business hours and ask to be put on the pickup list. Items should be moved to the curb for pickup.

Again this year, the city will be recycling electronics waste such as old computers, monitors, printers and cell phones. These items will be accepted only during the designated clean-up week.

Electronics waste will be transported to Texarkana where UNICOR, a program at the Federal Correctional Institute, will be dismantling these items for salvage and recycling. Beginning in 2008, electronics will be banned from Arkansas landfills.

Computer owners should be sure no personal information is left on computer hard drives before they are recycled.

In addition, leaves which were collected during the winter of 2005 have been composting at the city shop. Anyone who would like to have this material for their garden may get it for free but you must come between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. if you need it loaded.