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# Sen. Schaefer Urges Recycling of Analog Televisions

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JEFFERSON CITY – State Senator Kurt U. Schaefer (R-Columbia) has passed a resolution regarding the disposal of analog television sets upon the national switch to digital on Feb. 17, 2009.

“As most of us know, the digital converter boxes must be used on our old televisions after February 17,” Sen. Schaefer said, “Those of us who choose to discard our old televisions instead of using one of the converter boxes available should do so in an environmentally safe manner.”

Televisions may contain various toxic substances, including lead, chromium and mercury, among others, which are harmful to both human health and the environment. These heavy metals can leach into the subsoil and water table and poison the state’s local soil and water resources.

Since much of a television’s material is recyclable, Sen. Schaefer strongly urges Missourians to dispose of their old set with one of the state’s recognized e-recyclers through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The Department of Natural Resources may be contacted at 1-800-361-4827, or visit their website at [www.dnr.gov/env/hwp/computerlist.htm](http://www.dnr.gov/env/hwp/computerlist.htm) for a list of e-recyclers.

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