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Hundreds turn out for today's Small Dog Electronics' recycling drive

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SOUTH BURLINGTON -- Hundreds of people turned out today to dispose of their high-tech junk free of charge at Small Dog Electronics for recycling.

By mid-day thousands of items – including everything from computer monitors and towers to cell phones, ancient televisions and satellite dishes — were piled in huge mounds in the parking lot of the Dorset Street store.

Traffic was backed up both ways on Dorset Street as drivers waited their turn to do a drive-through drop-off, while dozens of other people parked anywhere they could and carried their items to the store's parking lot.

"It is like a drive-through only you don't get out of your cars and there's no money involved," said Small Dog Electronics employee Mollie Barg, 22, of Burlington, who was helping out. "It's a lot of people doing a good thing."

The event was scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At a similar event in honor of Earth Day last year, the company collected more than 50 tons of computers, boom boxes and other devices.