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The Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group is encouraging the communities within the region to prepare for the upcoming e-waste ban that comes into effect on July 1st.

E-waste is one of the fastest growing categories of waste worldwide and refers to any item with a plug, battery or cord that is no longer working or wanted. Examples of e-waste include batteries, mobile phones, computers, kitchen appliances and gaming consoles. From the 1st of July 2019, these items can no longer be placed in any kerbside collection bin and instead must go to a designated e-waste drop-off point.

The e-waste to landfill ban was introduced by the Victorian Government in an effort to recover more of the valuable materials left inside e-waste that can be safely recovered and reused such as copper, silver and gold. It will also help reduce the environmental damage caused by the hazardous materials contained in some electronic items.

Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group, Executive Officer Karen Fazzani said that there are already a number of e-waste drop-off points across the region many of which have been upgraded or are in process of being upgraded in preparation for the ban.

“Councils in the Loddon Mallee region are working hard to help educate communities and provide suitable drop-off points”.

“Residents within the Loddon Mallee region have a strong history and proven commitment to adapt to change and protect our environment. This year alone the Loddon Mallee region has recycled over 2,300kg of household batteries and stopped them being sent to landfill by taking them to battery recycling stations located across the region”.

Ms Fazzani said “residents are encouraged to check on their local councils website to find out where e-waste drop-off points are located”.

To learn more about e-waste and find your nearest e-waste drop-off point go to ewaste.vic.gov.au, visit your local council website or download the free Loddon Mallee Waste Info App.

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