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STAPLES CANADA STORES EXPAND ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING IN ONTARIO

Office supply giant is broadening the current range of electronic products accepted for waste recycling

Richmond Hill, ON – March 31, 2010 – STAPLES Canada will expand their requirements for recyclable electronic waste collection at stores, as the retailer enters phase II of its Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES). Effective April 1, STAPLES stores in Ontario will enter the second phase of their recycling program by accepting items such as televisions, desktop and laptop computers, telephones and answering machines, projectors, digital cameras and speakers.

“We are trying to create an easy eco-solution for customers. They now have a place where they can drop off even more unwanted electronic items. We want customers to think of us while spring cleaning, and know that they have an easily accessible location to handle their recycling needs,” says Leigh Pearson, facilities and environmental services manager for STAPLES Canada.

STAPLES Canada has taken on major sustainable initiatives, from reducing the amount of energy being consumed by using lower wattage light bulbs, to increased diversion through programs like light bulb, and re-chargeable battery recycling. STAPLES Canada continues to seek ways to improve sustainability. “Phase two includes everything from speakers to desktop printers. We also are a depot for waste recycling in several other provinces as well.” continued Pearson.

For details about the second phase of items being accepted, please see the attached list. STAPLES stores in Ontario are participating in the recycling program.

For more information, please visit staples.ca/environment.

Photo release attached.

About STAPLES Canada

Founded in Toronto in 1991, STAPLES Canada Inc. is Canada's largest everyday low price supplier of office supplies, business machines, office furniture and business services for the small business and home office customer. The chain operates stores in all Canadian provinces under the banners STAPLES® and Bureau en Gros^{MC}. Marketing Magazine's Marketing/Leger 2008 Corporate Reputation Survey ranked STAPLES Canada/Bureau en Gros number one among Canada's top 100 companies surveyed. The company employs over 13,500 associates serving customers through more than 300 office superstores, catalogue, and e-commerce. STAPLES Canada/Bureau en Gros is committed to making shopping easy by offering customers three convenient ways to shop: online, by catalogue and in-store. More information is available at www.staples.ca.

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