

WARNING ON HOAX E-WASTE KERBSIDE COLLECTION NOTICES

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The SHOROC partner councils (Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah) are advising Northern Beaches residents to be wary of hoax letterbox notices attempting to trick households into placing their unwanted electrical equipment on the kerb for a collection that never occurs.

Thousands of households in Mosman recently received fake flyers asking residents to place televisions, computers and other electrical appliances on their kerb for collection.

The organisers of this bogus collection then cherrypicked valuable items and cut off electrical cords for the copper and left the rest which residents then had to clean up themselves.

SHOROC President and Mayor Pittwater Jacqueline Townsend noted that the timing of this activity around the analog television signal switch-off in Sydney on 3 December and the upcoming end-of-year sales may encourage unscrupulous people to conduct similar scams over the holiday period.

“Our SHOROC councils recently flagged television disposal options to their communities following the analog switch-off noting that they should not put televisions in bins and never leave them on the kerb.

“Residents can keep their old televisions and purchase a digital set-top box, swap their old televisions when purchasing new ones at participating retailers or recycle their televisions for free at Kimbriki and Belrose resource recovery centres or other approved drop-off points that can be found at recyclingnearyou.com.au,” Cr Townsend said.

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