

YOUR MONEY

Store refills printer cartridges

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The manager of a new Guam business is hoping residents help him recycle and refill instead of littering the landfills.

Cartridge World Guam, a franchise of the Australia-based Cartridge World, applies a green approach to your printing needs.

Their motto: Refill, not landfill. "Let's limit the amount of cartridges being used," said James Kim, general manager of the Barrigada store. "Our message to customers is, instead of letting it build up in the landfill, we take your empty cartridges and we remanufacture it for you."

The store collects ink cartridges from printers, copy machines and other machines that use Laser inkjet cartridges. They refill the cartridges with ink to be sold back to customers at a cheaper price than a brand-new cartridge.

The refilled cartridge — which costs about 40 percent less than a new one — is also environmentally sound, as a large toner cartridge would take 450 years to decompose and requires about three to four quarts of oil to produce, according to Kim.

It's free to drop off any empty inkjet cartridge, Kim said. And if you're at a business and can't find the time to drop off cartridges at the store, a "green squad" can pick up or deliver cartridges for your busi-



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Environmentally friendly: Cartridge World franchise owner Jacquelin Ayuko Meno holds a laser cartridge box while showing the drop box for used cartridges at her Barrigada Heights store on April 20.

ness for free, he said.

The goal is to keep the cartridges out of the landfills.

"In North America alone, over 350 million are thrown into our landfills," Kim said. "Annually it increases about 12 percent."

The store opens today and Kim requests residents to bring in car-

tridges for drop off as soon as possible, so he can create an inventory of the types of ink cartridges being used by Guam residents, especially small business owners.

"We're trying to penetrate the market into going green with cartridges as much as possible," Kim said.

STORE HOURS

Cartridge World Guam is located in Barrigada next to Marianas Electronics and across from JK Tile.

▲ 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday

▲ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday

▲ Closed on Sundays

Call 637-4INK for more information