

Landfill and Incineration Bans of Electronics

Computers, computer accessories, TVs, cell phones and other electronics contain harmful materials including lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium, other heavy metals and chemical flame retardants. When land filled, incinerated or illegally dumped, these chemicals can leach into the environment, where they may affect human and environmental health. Improperly handled discarded electronics may also pose health risks to workers from companies that manage the electronics.

It is also important to recycle electronics because of the valuable reusable materials they contain; including plastics, metals, circuit boards and others. Recycling or reusing these materials reduces environmental impacts and economic costs by reducing the need for virgin materials in new electronics.

The new electronics recycling law, 2009 Wisconsin Act 50 bans the land filling and incineration of electronic devices, and cell phones or other phones with video display as of September 1, 2010. These bans apply no matter where the devices are from or who used them—including household, schools, businesses, governments and institutions. Specifically, the bans include:

- Consumer computers;
- Consumer printers;
- Consumer video display devices;
- Computer peripherals;
- Fax machines;
- DVD players, VCRs and other video players (i.e., DVRs); and
- Phones with video displays (i.e., cell phones).

Beginning September 1, 2010 the items above will not longer be collected curbside with the garbage – recycling program. There are many locations that accept electronic devices at little or no charge.

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Waukesha County Electronics Recycling

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Several manufacturers and retailers such as **American TV**, **Best Buy**, **Sony**, and **Goodwill** are among the many businesses now accepting TVs and other electronics including cameras, VCRs, etc. for recycling.

The following businesses also recycle electronics:

Cascade Asset Management, LLC

(608) 222-4800

Madison, WI

Cascade will do local pick-ups in Southeast Wisconsin televisions, cables, and other electronic equipment.

Computer Recycling Services, Inc.

(262) 784-5679

New Berlin, WI

Telephone systems, television sets (for a fee)

Midwest Computer Recyclers

(414) 541-1716 www.deadcomputers.com

Misc. electronics incl: VCRs, radios, stereos, phones, microwaves (no TVs)

Drop-off boxes at sites in Milwaukee County.

Recycle Technologies, Inc.

(262) 798-3040

Waukesha WI

Televisions and other electronic equipment

The website, *MyGreenElectronics.org*, is dedicated to e-waste and includes an energy calculator showing your monthly usage.

Please check with individual companies for changes for services and/or changes in their policies.

This list contains the most current information available at the time of printing (3/26/10). No endorsement of any business by Waukesha County is intended.