

Recycling Your Electronic Waste

Disposal Ban: Beginning January 1, 2015, consumers may no longer dispose of certain types of electronic equipment in landfills, waste-to-energy facilities, in the trash, or at curbside for trash pickup. Use the recycling options described below.

Two Ways to Recycle Your Electronic Waste

Option 1: Use a Manufacturer's Take back Program

1. Go to DEC's list of electronic equipment manufacturers registered in NYS, to find manufacturers, their brands electronic equipment covered by the law, and their electronic waste acceptance program websites and toll-free telephone numbers.
2. Follow the specific instructions listed on the manufacturer's website or provided over the telephone. The manufacturer is required to provide information on how to recycle your equipment, free of charge.

Please note: Manufacturers are required to accept their own brand of electronic equipment for recycling. They are also required to accept one piece of electronic waste of any manufacturer's brand if offered by a consumer with the purchase of electronic equipment covered by the law of the same type by a consumer.

- Example: If you purchase a new ABC-branded television and wish to recycle your old XYZ-branded television, you may use any free and convenient acceptance method provided by either ABC's or XYZ's manufacturer electronic waste acceptance program.

Option 2: Go to an Electronic Waste Collection Site

Residents in any part of the state can download the list of registered NYS Electronic Waste Collection Sites (PDF) (234 KB), sorted by county, to find a collection site near them.

Call ahead before using an electronic waste collection site as the site listed may not accept your particular type or brand of equipment. If the collection site is not affiliated with a manufacturer's acceptance program, you may be charged a fee to recycle your equipment. If you are looking for a free and convenient way to recycle your equipment, please first follow the Manufacturer Takeback Program steps above.

Residents may also use one of these interactive maps to find a collection site near them:

- Residents of the New York City Metropolitan Area: Use this interactive map of NYC electronics drop-off locations. This video explains which electronics can be recycled and how (both links leave DEC's website).
- Residents outside of New York City: Use this interactive map of statewide electronics drop-off locations. (Link leaves DEC's website).

Electronic Equipment Covered by the Law*:

- Computers (including laptops, desktops, tablets and e-readers)
You should erase personal information before recycling.
- Televisions
- Cathode ray tubes
- Computer peripherals (including any cable, cord, or wiring accompanying the computer peripheral.)
 - Monitors
 - Electronic keyboards
 - Electronic mice or similar pointing devices
 - Facsimile machines, document scanners, and printers (only those intended for use with a computer and weighing less than 100 lbs.)
- Small electronic equipment (including any cable, cord, or wiring accompanying the small electronic equipment.)
 - VCRs
 - Digital video recorders (DVRs)
 - Portable digital music players
 - DVD players (including projectors with DVD player capabilities intended for home-use)
 - Digital converter boxes
 - Cable or satellite receivers (including digital media receivers)
 - Electronic or video game consoles (including both handheld devices and those intended for use with a video display device)
- Small scale servers

Covered electronic equipment does not include: any motor vehicle or any part thereof; camera or video camera; portable or stationary radio; household appliances such as clothes washers, clothes dryers, refrigerators, freezers, microwave ovens, ovens, ranges or dishwashers; equipment that is functionally or physically part of a larger piece of equipment intended for use in an industrial, research and development or commercial setting; security or anti-terrorism equipment; monitoring and control instrument or system; thermostat; hand-held transceiver; telephone of any type; portable digital

assistant or similar device; calculator; global positioning system (GPS) receiver or similar navigation device; a server other than a small-scale server; a cash register or retail self checkout system; a stand-alone storage product intended for use in industrial, research and development or commercial settings; commercial medical equipment that contains within it a cathode ray tube, a flat panel display or similar video display device, and is not separate from the larger piece of equipment; or other medical devices as that term is defined under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

*** If you are unsure if your electronic device is covered by this law, please call us at (518) 402-8706 or email ewaste@dec.ny.gov.**