
E-Cycle Wisconsin recycles:

- *Computers including CPU, laptop, netbooks, tablets*
 - *Desktop printers including those that scan, fax and/or copy*
 - *Computer monitors*
 - *Televisions*
 - *DVD, VCR and DVR players*
 - *Fax machines*
 - *Computer mice and keyboards*
 - *Other computer accessories such as hard drives, speakers, flash drives, modems*
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E-Cycle Wisconsin – *Law keeps electronics out of landfills*

A new statewide electronics recycling law is creating recycling opportunities for Wisconsin households and schools. The law bans many common electronics including computers, printers, TVs and cell phones from Wisconsin landfills effective September 1, 2010.

Non-profits such as Goodwill and many retailers that sell these products will now take them back for recycling. Also, some municipal recycling drop off sites will accept electronics, including the Village of Hartland and the cities of Brookfield, New Berlin, Oconomowoc, Pewaukee and Waukesha. Some haulers will collect large TVs. Call the company that picks up your trash, or your municipal office, for more information. Visit the county website for updated information.

The E-Cycle Wisconsin program, created by the Department of Natural Resources to implement the new law, provides incentives to manufacturers of electronics to responsibly manage their products at the end of their useful life. This Product Stewardship concept has created new markets for used electronic equipment and partnerships with non-profit groups, local governments, retailers and recyclers. The law also requires documentation by the recycler to assure proper handling and tracking of the electronics collected.

Recycling your old electronics is important because they contain valuable materials that can be recycled and reused, including precious metals like gold and copper. Many devices also contain materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium and chemical flame retardants. If disposed of improperly, these materials can leach into the environment where they may affect human and environmental health.

“After September 1, no one in Wisconsin may put items such as TVs, computers, printers and cell phones in the trash,” said Ann Coakley, director of the DNR’s Waste and Materials Management Program. “Electronics are resources that are too valuable to waste, and we can help both our economy and the environment by recycling them.”

For a list of items and recycling locations, go to www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling