

: ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

When It's
Time to
Pull the Plug



Think
Recycle.

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about recycling your electronics:

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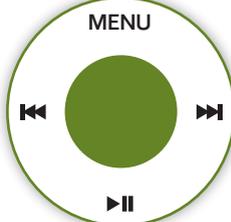
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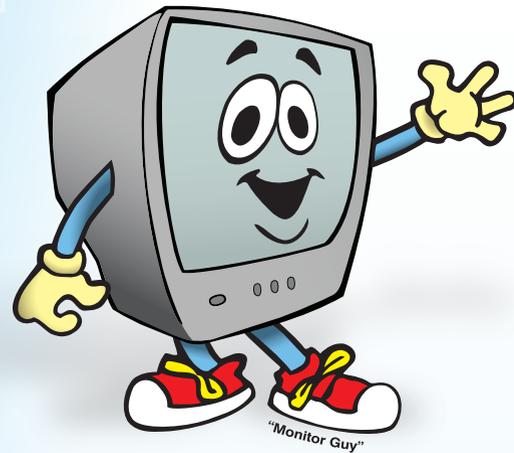
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DON'T
Throw
**OUT**
DUMP
**TOSS**
TRASH
**PITCH**

**THINK
RECYCLE!**

Indiana's electronic waste (e-waste) program establishes a network for the collection and recycling of e-waste from Indiana households, small businesses, and K-12 public and charter schools.

Give Your Electronics A Second Chance.



What is the Indiana E-Waste Program?

Indiana's electronics recycling law establishes a statewide recycling program administered by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The program, known as the Indiana e-waste program, sets up a system to collect and recycle discarded electronics from Hoosier households, small businesses, and K-12 public and charter schools. IDEM maintains lists of the collectors and recyclers that are registered with the program to help you find convenient recycling options. Solid waste management districts, community recycling programs, and retailers can also provide information on how to recycle electronics covered under the Indiana e-waste program.

Why Recycle Electronics?

The purpose of the program is to reduce the amount of discarded electronics being sent to Indiana landfills and to ensure that hazardous substances found in electronic waste are being managed in an appropriate and environmentally responsible manner.

Hazardous materials such as lead, mercury, and hexavalent chromium can be found in a variety of electronics. A television or cathode ray tube (CRT) monitor contains four pounds of lead on average. Circuit boards, batteries, and CRTs are just some of the common electronics with hazardous components that can be released into the environment through incinerator ash or landfill leachate.

Electronics are currently the most rapidly growing part of our waste stream. Recycling obsolete electronics reduces the amount of pollution that would be generated from the manufacturing of new products and the need to extract valuable and limited virgin resources. Electronics contain valuable materials such as steel, glass, and plastic, as well as precious metals such as copper, gold, tin, silicon, and aluminum, that can be reclaimed for the manufacturing of new products.



Which Electronics Should Be Recycled?

As of January 1, 2010, the following items are prohibited from being discarded by Indiana households, small businesses, and K-12 public and charter schools:

- Televisions
- Computer monitors
- Computers
(including desktops, laptops, and tablets)
- E-readers
- Fax machines
- Peripherals
(including keyboards, external hard drives, printers, all-in-one printer/copier/scanners, mice, projectors, and any other devices that are sold exclusively for external use with a computer and provide input or output into or from a computer)
- DVD players
(including gaming systems that are able to play DVDs)
- Digital photo frames
- Digital media players
- iPods/MP3 players
- Camcorders/Cameras
- DVR/TiVo devices
(including cable boxes and satellite boxes, but not satellite dishes)
- Portable GPS navigation systems

To recycle items not included in this list, contact your local recycling program to learn if there are recycling options available for your items. Visit www.recycle.IN.gov/5758.htm for local recycling program contact information.

Data Security: How Do I Protect Myself?

BEFORE RECYCLING ELECTRONICS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU REMOVE ALL PERSONAL AND/OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO DO THIS YOURSELF, MANY RETAILERS OFFER THIS SERVICE FOR A SMALL FEE. BEFORE SELECTING A COLLECTOR OR RECYCLER, ASK THEM HOW THEY HANDLE DATA SECURITY. SOME MAY NOT ACCEPT HARD DRIVES.

Where Can My Electronics Be Recycled?

If donation or repair is not an option, electronics from households, small businesses, and K-12 public and charter schools are collected throughout the state for recycling. Visit www.recycle.IN.gov/6411.htm for a list of e-waste collectors in your area that are registered with the Indiana e-waste program.

A small fee may be charged to recycle certain items, most frequently older TVs and computer monitors that contain cathode ray tubes (CRTs).