WHAT IS E-CYCLE WASHINGTON?

E-Cycle Washington is a program that provides responsible recycling of computers, monitors and TVs in our state. Starting January 2009, electronics manufacturers in Washington are taking responsibility for the cost of recycling these products. For consumers, small businesses, school districts, small governments, special purpose districts and charities, recycling is provided free of charge at authorized collection points.

**E-Cycle Washington thanks electronics manufacturers for sponsoring this innovative program to responsibly and safely recycle electronics in our state.**

The Washington Materials Management & Financing Authority (WMMFA) is the manufacturer-funded group leading this effort. WMMFA has contracted with collectors around the state, making e-cycling convenient and easy. You can also be assured that items taken to authorized collectors are handled safely and responsibly according to preferred management standards set by WMMFA and the State Department of Ecology.

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WHY E-CYCLE!

Recycle: It is estimated that millions of pounds of unwanted electronics are thrown in the trash in Washington each year. Electronics can contain toxic materials such as lead, cadmium, mercury and hazardous chemicals that can harm human health and the environment. E-cycling keeps these and other materials out of our landfills and incinerators and conserves natural resources and energy required to make products from scratch.

Re-Use: Many materials in these products can be re-used in new products if handled properly, conserving the resources and energy needed to recycle and reprocess existing units as well as reducing the need to manufacture virgin parts. Some unwanted electronics still work, and can be made available secondhand to people and organizations who may not be able to afford to buy new equipment.

E-cycling helps us all take responsibility for the products we make, buy and use from the beginning to the end of their useful lives.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY STUFF?

E-Cycle Washington processors are held to high standards and must comply with the State's "Preferred Processing Standards." For details, go to www.ecyclewashington.org. If the product you drop off still works, it may be reused through resale or donation.

DATA SECURITY

WMMFA is not responsible for the release of confidential data contained within collected electronic devices. Software programs are available to permanently destruct data. Simply formatting your drive or deleting files does NOT provide secure and complete data destruction. For more information on data security, go to www.ecyclewashington.org and click on Frequently Asked Questions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about E-Cycle Washington, data destruction, drop-off locations and how to dispose of items not covered by the program, please visit:

www.ecyclewashington.org