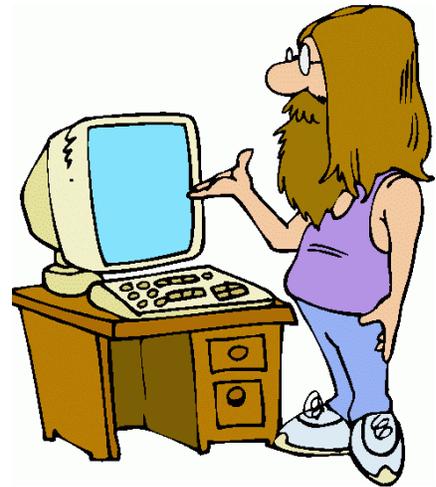


Don't put old computers & TVs in the trash

It's the law!

New Jersey's Electronic Waste Management Act bans the disposal of televisions and all personal or portable computers - including desktop, notebook and laptop computers, as well as computer monitors - in the regular waste stream beginning Jan. 1, 2011. Manufacturers of these devices will now be funding the collection of e-waste so that it is free for consumers. Contact your county solid waste agency or municipal recycling coordinator for e-waste recycling options currently available in your community. These options will continue to grow in the coming year.



Hey Man, simply because you're outdated doesn't mean you're unwanted. I'd never discard you.

Why it's important

E-waste is the fastest growing portion of our solid waste stream. Massive piles of electronics present other problems for all life on earth because there are toxics in all computers and the piles keep growing.

Toxics inside your electronics include lead, mercury, cadmium, nickel, zinc, brominated flame retardants and other contaminants.

Improperly handling discarded electronics, such as dismantling (taking apart) without proper controls, or simply tossing the materials in the trash can expose hazardous chemical compounds known to negatively affect human and environmental health when released into the environment. Only a very small amount of discarded computers are currently being recycled.

The state Department of Environmental Protection also is compiling a resource list to help you find collection points. A working draft of the list is available at www.recyclenj.org



Frequently Asked Questions

New Jersey's "Electronic Waste Management Act" requires all original equipment manufacturers to establish and finance a collection, transportation and recycling system for the recovery of computers and televisions.

What can be recycled for free?

- desktop or portable computers
- computer monitors
- televisions

Who can recycle for free?

Individual consumers and businesses with fewer than 50 full time employees.

Where can I recycle my computer or television?

There are hundreds of collection points established in New Jersey. To find the collection point nearest you, please either call your municipality or county, or access www.recyclenj.org. You may also call the following toll-free number- 1.866.DEP.KNOW (1-866-337-5669).

What if I can't physically get my computer or television to a collection point?

Several manufacturers and others have established what is known as a "premium service" for the collection of these items. There may be a fee for this service. Please contact the product manufacturer directly or email ecycle@dep.state.nj.us for assistance.

How should I dispose of other electronic devices?

Contact your county solid waste agency or municipal recycling coordinator for instructions on discarding other electronics and hazardous waste in your area. You can also donate or recycle used cell phones -- go to www.epa.gov/cellphones for more information.

What else can I do to help keep e-waste toxins out of the environment?

Use your purchasing power to buy items based on their environmental performance. Check EPEAT (www.epeat.net) before you buy. EPEAT is a procurement tool designed to help consumers evaluate, compare and select electronic products based on their environmental attributes. EPEAT's name is derived from the acronym for the "Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool."