

Electronic Take-Back and Donation Programs

Free electronics recycling and refurbishment are available through several national and international programs. Many manufacturers and national retailers offer free electronics recycling. Another option for electronics recycling is to sell used products on various trade-in websites. In addition, many organizations also accept electronics, which they in turn refurbish and donate to various non-profit organizations or charities. This document offers many national programs which offer electronic recycling or refurbishment opportunities.

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Computer Repair

You may be unsure if you want to get rid of your electronics. If this is the case, review “[Fix it or Nix it](#)” by the Greener Choices Guide. If your computer may be fixable, you may want to try repairing the electronic components yourself or by bringing the electronics to a professional. Several online resources are available to guide you through self-repairing your electronic equipment.

[iFixit](#)

[FixYa](#)

[ePanorama](#)

Data Removal

Before turning in your electronics, make sure to erase all personal data from your computer, cell phone or other electronic. Below are several manuals for removing private data from cell phones and computers.

Cell Phones

[Personal Information Removal Manuals, The Wireless Source](#)

[Free Data Eraser, ReCellular](#)

Computers

[Active@Kill Disk – Hard Drive Eraser](#)

[Actronis® Drive Cleanser](#)

[Blanco Data Cleaner Clean Your Old Hard Drives, TechSoup](#)


[Do the “PC” Thing: Donate Computers; pg. 2, USEPA](#)


[Eraser](#)











[Obliterate Hard-Drive Data with Disk-Wiping Software, TechSoup](#)

Retailer Recycling Programs

This list includes various retailers who offer electronics take-back or recycling programs. The programs are free, unless noted otherwise.

 Mail-In Program

 Deliver to Store

Name	How to Recycle	Cell Phone	Desktop	Laptop	Monitor	Printer/Scanner	Fax Machines	Peripherals	Televisions	Digital Cameras	Video Cameras	VCRs/DVD Players	PDAs	MP3 Players	CDs/DVDs	Rechargeable Batteries	GPS	Video Game Consoles	Toner/Ink Cartridge
AT&T		✓																	
American TV and Appliance		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Best Buy		Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state																	
Costco		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Office Depot¹		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
Radio Shack		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	
Sears		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Staples²		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓			✓
Sprint		✓																	
T-Mobile		✓											✓			✓			
Verizon (with Hopeline)		✓																	


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Virgin Mobile	✉	✓																	
Walmart	✉	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	


¹ Office Depot offers free recycling for cell phones, PDA's, rechargeable batteries and cartridges. Other electronics need to be placed into a specific small, medium, or large Office Depot box, where the recycling of the box's contents cost \$5, \$10, \$15, respectively.

² Staples offers free desktop, laptop, and monitor recycling for Dell products, but the recycling of other brands costs \$10. All other electronics recycling offered through Staples is free, regardless of the manufacturer.

Manufacturer Take-Back Programs

This list includes various manufacturers who offer electronics take-back or recycling programs. The programs are free, unless noted otherwise.

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Acer ³	 		✓	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓					
Apple ⁴		✓	✓	✓	✓									✓						
Asus			✓	✓	✓			✓					✓							
Canon						✓	✓			✓	✓									
Dell			✓	✓		✓		✓												
Manufacturers Recycling Management Company		Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state (Accepted Manufacturers: Canon, Envision, Hitachi, JVC, Mitsubishi, Panasonic, Philips, Pioneer, Polaroid, RCA, Sanyo, Sharp Electronics, Synaps, Toshiba, and VIZIO)																		
Epson ⁵						✓	✓												✓	
Fujitsu				✓																
Gateway		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		
HP	 	Accepted electronics vary by state				✓	Accepted electronics vary by state													✓

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IBM	✉	Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state																		
Kodak	♻️									✓										
Lenovo	✉	Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state																		
Lexmark	✉	Accepted electronics vary by state				✓	Accepted electronics vary by state													✓
LG Electronics	♻️	✓			✓				✓			✓	✓					Yes		
Motorola	✉	✓																		
Nokia	✉	✓																		
Panasonic	✉			✓																
Rethink	✉	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
		Accepted Manufacturers: Apple, Dell, Gateway, HP, IBM, Intel, Motorola, Nokia)																		
Samsung	♻️	Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state																		
Sharp	✉					✓	✓		✓							✓				✓
Sony⁶	♻️	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Sony Ericsson	✉	✓																		

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Toshiba	✉	Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state																	
Vizio	✉	Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state																	

³ Acer requires the customer to pay shipping and handling charges for the electronics. Accepted products for recycling vary on customer's location.


⁴ Recycling fee varies depending on the store location.

⁵ The cost of recycling is \$10/item, but customers will receive a \$5 gift card for each returned item.










⁶ Recycling fees vary according to state.

Electronics Trade-In Programs

This list includes various organizations who offer electronics trade-in programs, where the consumer would be paid for their used electronics. Usually, electronics are also sold at a reduced price to another consumer. All of the following programs are free to use.


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Buy My Tronics		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓		✓	✓					
Cell for Cash		✓																	
EZ Trade-In		✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Eco-Cell		✓																	
Flip Swap		✓																	
Gazelle		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
GreenPhone		✓																	
NextWorth		✓		✓						✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Recycle for Dollars																			✓
TechForward			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			✓			✓		
TradeUps		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
You Renew		✓		✓						✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	












Electronic Donation/Charity Programs





Several organizations take in electronics, which they then refurbish and donate to various charities. Participation in these programs is free of charge.

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Call 2 Recycle		✓																	✓
Cell Phone Bank		✓																	
Charitable Recycling		✓																	
Close the Gap			✓	✓															
Computers for Schools		✓	✓	✓															
Computers for Youth			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓											
Digital Links			✓	✓															
Earth911.com		Accepted electronics and fees vary according to state and charitable organization.																	
Educational Assistance Ltd.		Not specified on the program website.																	
Gifts In Kind			✓	✓															
Hopeline (with Verizon)		✓																	

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Inter Connection			✓	✓															
IT For Charities		✓																	
National Cristina Foundation			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓											
Nonprofit Recycling Network		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Purple Elephant Computer Factory		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓					
Reconnect (Dell and Goodwill)⁷		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓										✓
Salvation Army		Collected electronics vary according to each state.																	
ReCellular		✓																	
Recycle My Cellphone		✓											✓						
Recycle Wireless Phones		✓											✓						
Recycling for Charities		✓	✓							✓			✓	✓					

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TechSoup Global			✓	✓															
Wireless Alliance		✓																	
Wireless Foundation		✓											✓						
World Computer Exchange			✓	✓									✓						

⁷ Televisions and cell phones may not be collected in all locations. Contact your [local Goodwill](#) for more information.

State Electronic Waste Recycling Programs

The following list provides information about state-registered Ewaste recycling programs.



Mail-In Program



Deliver to Store

State and E-Waste Laws	State Environmental Department	Registered Recyclers
Alabama (AL) HB 2614, Article 11	Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs	Alabama Recyclers and Processors Directory
Arkansas (AR) Act 970/HB 2115	Department of Environmental Quality	Arkansas Recycling Marketing Directory
California (CA) SB 50; AB 2901; Code of Regulations Title 22, Division 4.5	California Department of Toxic Substances Control	Electronic Product Management Directory
Colorado (CO) HB 09-1282	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment	List of Electronics Recyclers
Connecticut (CT) HB 7249/ Act 07-189 and Title 22a, Ch. 446n	Department of Environmental Protection	Local Municipal Recycling or Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority
Delaware (DE)	Delaware Solid Waste Authority	Electronic Goods Recycling for Residents, Schools, and Non-Profit Agencies
Florida (FL)	Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Solid and Hazardous Waste	Florida-based Electronics Recyclers
Hawaii (HI) SB 2843	Hawaii State Department of Health	Hawaii E-waste Collectors
Idaho (ID)	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality	Waste Management: DEQ's Online Recycling Directory
Illinois (IL) Public Act 095-0959/SB 2313	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	Registered Residential E-Waste Collection Sites in Illinois

State and E-Waste Laws	State Environmental Department	Registered Recyclers
Indiana (IN) HB 1589	Indiana Department of Environmental Management	Collectors and Collection Site Locations and Recyclers
Iowa (IA)	Iowa Department of Natural Resources; Waste Management	Permitted CRT Facilities
Kansas (KS)	Kansas Recycle EWaste	Curbside Programs
Kentucky (KY) SB 160 (BR 1276)	Kentucky Division of Waste Management	E-Scrap Recyclers
Maine (ME) Title 38, §1610	Maine Department of Environmental Protection; Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management	Consolidators Approved to participate in Maine's Ewaste Collection
Maryland (MD) HB 488	Maryland Department of the Environment	Community and Permanent eCycling Collection Events
Michigan (MI) SB 897	Department of Natural Resources and Environment	2010 Registered Electronic Waste Recyclers
Minnesota (MN) HF 854	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Registered Stakeholders
Mississippi (MS)	Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality	Electronic Waste Recyclers Database
Missouri (MO) SB 720	Missouri Department of Natural Resources	Registered Electronics Recycling Business List
Montana (MT) HB 555	Montana Department of Environmental Quality	Montana Recycling Locations
Nebraska (NE) LB 644	Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality	State Recycling
Nevada (NV) AB 426	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection; Bureau of Waste Management	What to do with your E-Waste in Nevada

State and <u>E-Waste Laws</u>	State Environmental Department	Registered Recyclers
New Hampshire (NH) <u>HB 338</u> and <u>HB 1455</u>	<u>New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services</u>	<u>Computer Recycling Vendors</u>
New Jersey (NJ) <u>A3343</u> and <u>A3572</u>	<u>New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection</u>	<u>Consumer Electronics Recycling Facilities</u>
New Mexico (NM) <u>SJM 11</u>	<u>New Mexico Environment Department; Solid Waste Bureau</u>	<u>New Mexico Recycling Coalition</u>
New York State (NY) <u>2006, Ch. 730</u> and <u>A11308/S 7988, Title 27</u>	<u>New York State Department of Environmental Conservations</u>	<u>List of Dismantlers and Recyclers of Used Electronic Equipment</u>
North Carolina (NC) <u>S1492</u> and <u>H819 v.5</u>	<u>North Carolina Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance</u>	<u>North Carolina Recycling Markets Directory</u>
North Dakota (ND)	<u>North Dakota Department of Health; Waste Management</u>	<u>Electronic Recycling Facilities</u>
Ohio (OH) <u>HB 447</u>	<u>Ohio Environmental Protection Agency</u>	<u>Ohio Recyclers and Environmental Service Providers</u>
Oklahoma (OK) <u>SB 1631</u>	<u>Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality</u>	<u>Community Recycling Information</u>
Oregon (OR) <u>HB 2626</u>	<u>Oregon Department of Environmental Quality</u>	<u>Oregon E-Cycles</u>
Pennsylvania (PA) <u>HB 708</u> and <u>HB 409</u>	<u>Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; Hazardous Waste Program</u>	<u>Permanent Collection Programs</u> and <u>Electronics Recyclers</u>
Rhode Island (RI) <u>HB 7880</u> and <u>SB 2631</u>	<u>State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management</u>	<u>2009 Household Hazardous Waste and e-waste Drop Offs</u>
South Carolina (SC) <u>HB4093</u>	<u>South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control</u>	<u>e-cycle</u>
South Dakota (SD)	<u>South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources</u>	<u>Electronics Recyclers</u>

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Tennessee (TN)	Department of Environment and Conservation	Household Hazardous Waste Schedule
Texas (TX) 80(R) HB 2714	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Recycle Texas Online
Utah (UT) HB 153, Pt. 13	Utah Department of Environmental Quality	Utah Electronics Recyclers
Vermont (VT) S 77	Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation	e-cycle
Virginia (VA) HB 344, Ch. 541	Virginia Department of Environmental Quality	Virginia Localities Offering eCycling Services
Washington (WA) SB 6428	State of Washington: Department of Ecology	1-800-RECYCLE Database
West Virginia (WV) SB 746 Sub.1	e-Cycling West Virginia	Recycling Coalition of West Virginia
Wisconsin (WI) SB 107	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	E-Cycle Collection Registered Sites and Collectors
Wyoming (WY)	Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality	Wyoming Recycling Directory

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