



Department of Environmental Conservation

Recycling Consumer Electronic Waste

Two Ways to Recycle Your Electronic Waste

Option 1: Use a Manufacturer's Free and Convenient Takeback Program

1. **Go to DEC's list of electronic equipment manufacturers registered in NYS**, to find manufacturers, their brands of electronic equipment, and their electronic waste acceptance program websites and toll-free telephone numbers. Manufacturers of covered electronic equipment (CEE) are required to provide consumers a free and convenient opportunity to recycle their equipment brands or one piece of CEE from another manufacturer with the consumer's purchase of the same type.
2. **Follow the specific instructions listed on the manufacturer's website or provided over the telephone.**

Option 2: Go to an Electronic Waste Collection Site

Residents in any part of the state can download the list of registered NYS Electronic Waste Collection Sites (PDF, 1.03 MB), sorted by county, to find a registered electronic waste collection site near them.

Call ahead before using an electronic waste collection site as the site listed may not accept your particular type or brand of equipment. If the collection site is not affiliated with a manufacturer's acceptance program, **you may be charged a fee** to recycle your equipment. If you are looking for a free and convenient way to recycle your equipment, please first follow the Manufacturer Takeback Program steps above.

Disposal Ban: As of January 1, 2015, consumers were no longer dispose of certain types of electronic equipment in landfills, waste-to-energy facilities, in the trash, or at curbside for trash pickup. Use the recycling options described above.

Electronic Equipment Covered by the Act:

New York State Covered Electronic Equipment Last Updated: July 13, 2022

Type of Covered Electronic Equipment	Subcategory and/or Description
Cathode Ray Tube	
Computer*	All-in-one
	Desktop
	E-reader
	Interactive flat panel display (w/ processor)
	Laptop
	Mini
	Notebook
	Smart display
	Tablet
	Thin client
	Virtual reality headset (w/ processor)

Computer Peripheral*	Workstation
	3-D printer (intended for use w/ a computer and weighing <100 lbs.)
	Digital picture frame (>4" diagonally)
	Document scanner (intended for use w/ a computer and weighing <100 lbs.)
	Electronic keyboard or keypad
	Electronic mouse or similar pointing device
	External hard drive
	Facsimile machine (intended for use w/ a computer and weighing <100 lbs.)
	Label printer (intended for use w/ a computer and weighing <100 lbs.)
	Monitor (>4" diagonally)
	Printer (intended for use w/ a computer and weighing <100 lbs.)
Small Electronic Equipment*	Cable or satellite receiver
	Digital converter box
	Digital video disc (DVD) player
	Digital video recorder (DVR)
	Electronic or video game console (handheld and those intended for use w/ a video display device)
	Portable digital music player (w/ memory capability)
	Projector w/ DVD player capability
Small Scale Server*	Designed in a desktop or similar form factor and capable of supporting only a single processor
	Television* >4" diagonally

* including any cable, cord, or wiring accompanying the covered electronic equipment.

Covered Electronic Equipment Does Not Include:

Any motor vehicle or any part thereof; camera or video camera; portable or stationary radio; household appliances such as clothes washers, clothes dryers, refrigerators, freezers, microwave ovens, ovens, ranges or dishwashers; equipment that is functionally or physically part of a larger piece of equipment intended for use in an industrial, research and development or commercial setting; security or anti-terrorism equipment; monitoring and control instrument or system; thermostat; hand-held transceiver; telephone of any type; portable digital assistant or similar device; calculator; global positioning system (GPS) receiver or similar navigation device; a server other than a small-scale server; a cash register or retail self-checkout system; a stand-alone storage product intended for use in industrial, research and development or commercial settings; commercial medical equipment that contains within it a cathode ray tube, a flat panel display or similar video display device, and is not separate from the larger piece of equipment; other medical devices as that term is defined under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act; lighting ballast with circuit board; portable wand scanner; UPS battery; temperature monitoring device; whiteboard as a display surface only; standalone karaoke machine; single function tag reader; handheld label machine not used with a computer; RFID tag; HDMI switch; video baby monitor; or preamplifier.

If you are still unsure whether or not a piece of equipment falls under the scope of the Act, please contact the E-waste Recycling Team at (518) 402-8706 or by e-mail.

Manufacturers' Responsibilities to their Consumers: