

# LET'S GET RID OF ELECTRONIC WASTE IN ILLINOIS!

Buying new home electronics? Wondering what to do with your old equipment? We can help!

Illinois law makes electronics manufacturers responsible for the cost of recycling millions of pounds of residential electronic waste (e-waste) every year. (The law does not cover e-waste generated in non-residential sectors.)

Manufacturers must either charge nothing to individuals bringing in their equipment, or, if there is a fee, give you a dollar-for-dollar coupon you can use to reduce the cost of your new equipment.\*

Illinois enacted this law because residential e-waste:

- Takes up lots of landfill space
- Contains toxics that can trickle into our drinking water
- Often ends up being exported to third world countries



Working with collectors and recyclers that have registered with the Illinois EPA, manufacturers have set up collection sites all over Illinois. To find one close to you, go to <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/consumer-education.html>, a one-page fact sheet with a link to the list of sites, as well as the addresses and phone numbers of the collectors managing those sites. Call them for operating hours and the list of electronic devices accepted.

From the fact sheet (or from the link below) you can also go directly to the IEPA's e-waste website, where you'll find lists of:

- Brands of electronics manufacturers in compliance with the law
- Electronics manufacturers that have chosen not to register, and who thus are prohibited from selling computers, monitors, tvs, or printers to residential customers in Illinois

\*The Illinois EPA assigns an annual recycling goal to each electronics manufacturer. Once that goal is achieved, a manufacturer may charge for electronics recycling. Your local collector can tell you if free e-waste recycling is still available in your area, or if you can avoid any charges by holding your equipment until the following year.

Thank you for helping rid Illinois of electronic garbage!

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