

Oregon E-Cycles

What consumers need to know

Oregon E-Cycles is a statewide program, financed by manufacturers, that provides responsible recycling for televisions, computers, monitors, printers, keyboards and mice. Anyone bringing seven or fewer items at a time may recycle their electronics at no charge at participating collection sites. Households, small businesses and small nonprofits may recycle more than seven at a time. Please call ahead if you have large or heavy items or plan on bringing more than the seven item limit

Why is electronics recycling needed?

Electronics contain hazardous substances such as lead, cadmium and mercury that can harm our health and environment. Electronics also contain valuable materials such as copper, gold and aluminum that can be recycled and used in new products. Recycling keeps toxics out of our landfills and incinerators and conserves natural resources.

What electronics are covered by Oregon E-Cycles?

Oregon E-Cycles provides free recycling for TVs, computers (desktops, laptops, and tablets), monitors, printers and computer peripherals (keyboards and mice). Some sites may offer premium services for a fee, such as home pick-up.

Are all locations that collect or recycle electronics part of Oregon E-Cycles?

No, locations affiliated with Oregon E-Cycles will display the Oregon E-Cycles logo.



Where can I find an Oregon E-Cycles collection site?

Visit the Oregon E-Cycles website at www.oregonecycles.org for a list of participating collection services and sites near you or call 1-888-532-9253.

How can I be sure that my electronics are recycled responsibly?

Make sure you are recycling at a location that displays the Oregon E-Cycles logo. Oregon E-Cycles requires participating recyclers to follow, at a minimum, environmental management practices established by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. These practices require recyclers to demonstrate that their programs do not harm human health and the environment.

How can I prepare my electronics for recycling or donating?

Erase hard drives. It is your responsibility to clear your data off of your computer. Oregon E-Cycles assumes no liability for personal or confidential information left on computers. It is recommended that you erase all data before recycling. Reformatting your hard drive or deleting files does not necessarily destroy your data.

How do I recycle other electronics?

Oregon E-Cycles does **not** provide free recycling of other devices, such as DVD players, VCRs, video game consoles, scanners, fax machines and cell phones. Oregon E-Cycles collection sites may take these other devices, but may charge a fee to recycle them. If your local Oregon E-Cycles collection site does not accept other devices, there are many other businesses that recycle electronics. If you live in the Portland Metro area, call Metro's Recycling Information Hotline at 503-234-3000 or visit www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler. If you are outside of the Portland Metro area, you can contact your local solid waste offices for a list of recyclers in your area.

What other options do I have?

If your television, computer, monitor, or printer is in working condition, consider these options before taking them for e-cycling.

Repair and/or upgrade it. A computer or TV repair shop can often make your old electronics like new again. Upgrading a few parts in an old computer can also be a cost-effective alternative to buying a new one.

Reuse it. Save memory space on your new computer by designating the old one for a specific task, like word processing or hosting your music collection. An old TV can serve as a second set in another room, or be used for games and/or movies.



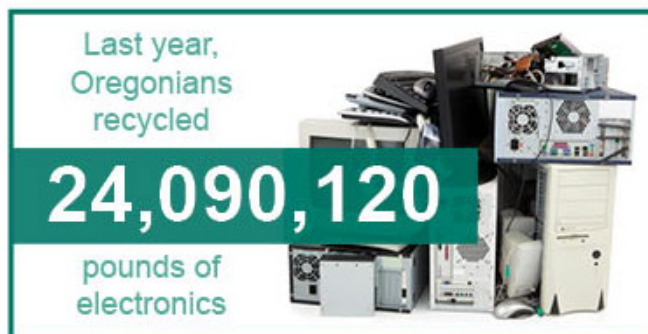
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Donate it. Just because you can't use it doesn't mean someone else can't! Give your old printer, computer, monitor or TV to a family member, friend or student in need. If you don't know anyone who could use your old working electronics, donate them to a second-hand store, charity or reuse organization.



What else can I do to help?

Choose energy efficient products. Look for the [ENERGY STAR](#) label and other features like the use of recycled and recyclable materials. Ask retailers about environmentally friendly options and check EPEAT for a list of computers that meet environmental criteria.

Need more information?

For more information on Oregon E-Cycles, visit DEQ's website at www.oregonecycles.org. For questions about Oregon E-Cycles, please email ecycle.info@deq.state.or.us or call 503-229-5830.

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