

## Oregon E-Cycles: What Local Governments Need to Know

### What is Oregon E-Cycles?

Oregon E-Cycles is a new statewide program, financed by manufacturers, that provides responsible recycling of computers, monitors and TVs. After Jan. 1, 2009, anyone bringing seven or fewer items at a time may recycle their electronics at no charge at participating collection sites.

However, households, small businesses and small nonprofits may recycle more than seven at a time. These entities should call ahead if they plan on bringing more than the seven item limit.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2010, the disposal of computers, monitors and TVs will be prohibited in Oregon.

### Local governments' role

Local governments do not have any requirements under Oregon E-Cycles. However, you have an opportunity to play an important role in Oregon E-Cycles. By promoting the program to your residents, small businesses and small nonprofits, you can educate them about the importance of e-cycling and help them locate participating collection sites.

### How you can provide education and outreach

As a local government representative, you will likely be contacted by people in your community looking for details about Oregon E-Cycles.

DEQ will have a searchable database on its Web site that will allow anyone to locate a nearby participating collection site. This tool will help local governments assist residents inquiring about where they can take their electronics for recycling.

To help answer additional questions you may receive, DEQ has information available on its Web page, including a Local Governments Toolkit:  
[www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ecycle/localgovts/](http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ecycle/localgovts/)

### Handling news media inquiries

In addition to fielding calls from residents, the local news media may also contact you for information about Oregon E-Cycles.

Because the program operates throughout Oregon, it is important to provide consistent and accurate information statewide. To ensure uniform messaging, please consult the Local Governments Toolkit for information about how to handle media inquiries.

Please direct any questions beyond the scope of the Local Governments Toolkit directly to Oregon E-Cycles program staff at 503-229-6303.

### How you can become a participating collector

Many local governments already serve as their community's collection point for electronics. DEQ encourages the State Contractor Program and manufacturers implementing recycling programs to use as much of the current infrastructure as possible. The programs may be looking for service providers in your area. If you're interested in participating in Oregon E-Cycles, visit DEQ's Web page for recycling program contacts:

[www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ecycle/contacts.htm](http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ecycle/contacts.htm)

**NOTE:** If you do not have a signed contract or agreement with an approved manufacturer recycling program or the State Contractor Program, you are *not* a participant in Oregon E-Cycles. You will not be reimbursed by the program for your collection, transportation or recycling activities and you cannot claim to be a program participant.

### Requirements for being a participating collector

The State Contractor Program and approved manufacturer recycling programs must ensure that their contracted service providers meet the Environmental Management Practices (EMPs) established by DEQ.

For a copy of the EMPs and additional information on being a participating collector, visit DEQ's Web page:  
[www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ecycle/service/](http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ecycle/service/)

If you have questions about what solid and/or hazardous waste regulations apply to you, contact your DEQ regional office.



State of Oregon  
Department of  
Environmental  
Quality

Land Quality Division  
Oregon E-Cycles  
Program  
811 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204  
Phone: (503) 229-6303  
(800) 452-4011  
Fax: (503) 229-6977  
Contact: Oregon E-Cycles  
[www.oregon.gov/DEQ](http://www.oregon.gov/DEQ)

### **How franchised haulers can participate**

Franchised haulers could provide “premium services” (i.e. door-to-door pick-up) for Oregon E-Cycles if they have a contract or agreement with the State Contractor Program or a manufacturer program. The hauler would be allowed to charge for collection but not for the recycling portion of the collection service.

If more than seven computers, monitors and TVs were collected from an entity at a time, the hauler would need to provide documentation the entity was a household, small business with 10 or fewer employees or a small 501 (c)(3) nonprofit with 10 or fewer employees.

Franchise agreements and rate schedules may need revision to allow for this service to be provided. Recycling program representatives have been advised that there are franchised territories throughout most of Oregon.

In addition to premium services, some franchised haulers may be interested in allowing their facility to be a collection site for one or more approved recycling programs. A contract or agreement between the hauler and the program would be required. Please see the “Requirements for being a participating collector” on page one of this fact sheet for more information.

### **Collecting electronics outside Oregon E-Cycles**

Collectors, transporters and recyclers who are not participating in Oregon E-Cycles can operate “outside” the program.

If you operate outside the program, you are not required to offer free recycling of computers, monitors and TVs. You will not be reimbursed by Oregon E-Cycles for your collection, transportation or recycling activities and you cannot claim to be a program participant.

DEQ encourages all service providers to follow the Environmental Management Practices (EMPs). However, at this time the EMPs only apply to those entities that are contracted by the State Contractor Program or an approved manufacturer program.

### **Uncovered entities**

Entities that generate large volumes of waste – such as schools, large businesses and large nonprofits – may not be served under Oregon E-Cycles.

In the Portland Metro Area, call the Metro Recycling Information Hotline at: 503-234-3000 for a list of recyclers who may be able to provide service to these populations. The Environmental Protection Agency's Web site also provides a list of recyclers:

[www.epa.gov/epawaste/consERVE/materials/ recycling/donate.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/consERVE/materials/ recycling/donate.htm)

### **For more information**

DEQ's Web site offers additional information for service providers including frequently asked questions and a sign-up for periodic e-mails about Oregon E-Cycles:

[www.oregonecycles.org](http://www.oregonecycles.org).

For questions about Oregon E-Cycles, please email [ecycle.info@deq.state.or.us](mailto:ecycle.info@deq.state.or.us).

### **Alternative formats**

Alternative formats (such as large type or Braille) of this document can be made available. Contact DEQ's Office of Communications & Outreach at (503) 229-5696, Portland, or call toll-free in Oregon at 1-800-452-4011, ext. 5696, for more information.