

Oregon E-Cycles: What Service Providers 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, collection sites may accept more than seven items at a time from households, small businesses and small nonprofits.

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

How can I become a participating collector, transporter or recycler?

Service providers have the opportunity to participate in Oregon E-Cycles as a collector, transporter or recycler by securing a contract or agreement with an approved recycling program. Oregon E-Cycles participants are reimbursed for their services as negotiated through their contracts or agreements.

Oregon E-Cycles requires manufacturers of computers, monitors and TVs to participate in an approved recycling program. Manufacturers choose to either participate in the DEQ-administered State Contractor Program or, if they meet certain requirements, to implement their own program.

Collectively, these programs comprise “Oregon E-Cycles” – a network of responsible collection sites, services and recycling facilities throughout Oregon. All recycling programs must establish, at a minimum, a collection site in every city with a population of 10,000 or greater and a collection service in every county.

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.

What are the requirements for participating collectors, transporters and recyclers?

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, transporter or recycler, visit DEQ’s Web page: 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.

What if I’m not participate participant in 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.

Are there requirements to operate outside Oregon E-Cycles?

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.

In the future, DEQ may consider implementing a program that would certify collectors and recyclers who are voluntarily meeting these standards, regardless of their participation as a collector or recycler for Oregon E-Cycles.

Who is served by Oregon E-Cycles?

Anyone bringing seven or fewer computers, monitors and TVs at a time is eligible for free recycling under Oregon E-Cycles.



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However, households, small businesses with 10 or fewer employees and small 501(c)(3) nonprofits with 10 or fewer employees are permitted to bring more than seven devices to a participating collection site. If these entities bring more than seven items, you may ask to verify their status as a household, small business or small nonprofit. It is up to the collection site to determine if they can accept those additional items at that time, or request customers to come back another day.

If an entity other than a household, small business or small nonprofit brings more than seven items, you may charge them to recycle those additional items.

Can I collect other electronics?

Oregon E-Cycles covers computers (desktops and laptops), monitors and TVs only.

Other devices, such as computer peripherals (keyboards, mice, etc.), DVD players, VCRs, video game consoles, printers, scanners, fax machines, cell phones and household appliances are **NOT** covered under Oregon E-Cycles.

These items may be collected for recycling, but will not be reimbursed under Oregon E-Cycles. Collectors and recyclers may charge a fee for handling these items.

How do I contact the State Contractor Program and manufacturer programs?

The State Contractor Program and manufacturer programs may be looking for service providers in your area. If you're interested in participating in Oregon E-Cycles, visit DEQ's Web site for recycling program contacts:
www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ecycle/contacts.htm.

Can I be a collector or recycler for more than one program?

Yes. However, if you serve more than one program, you will need to work out details such as accounting, tracking and payments in your contracts. DEQ does not regulate the contracts between the recycling programs and their service providers.

How will people know I'm part of Oregon E-Cycles?

DEQ will maintain a searchable database of collectors participating in Oregon E-Cycles on its Web site so consumers can locate participating sites near them.

In addition, collection sites will be given signs with the Oregon E-Cycles logo, identifying them as part of the program.

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.

For questions about Oregon E-Cycles, please email ecycle.info@deq.state.or.us.

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