



CITY OF CEDARBURG ELECTRONIC WASTE INFORMATION

Why recycle?

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, computers, computer accessories, televisions, cell phones and other electronics contain harmful materials including lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium, other heavy metals, and chemical flame retardants. When landfilled or incinerated, these chemicals can leach into the environment where they may affect human and environmental health.

It is also important to recycle electronics because of the valuable reusable materials they contain, including plastics, metals, circuit boards and others. Recycling or reusing these materials reduces environmental impacts and economic costs by reducing the need for virgin materials in new electronics.

What is the law in Wisconsin regarding electronic waste?

Several years ago, laws were passed which required businesses and institutions to either recycle their electronics or manage them as hazardous waste. A new law now affects all households and schools. In October, 2009, Governor Doyle signed into law Senate Bill 107 which effective September 1, 2010 will ban all electronics, including computers, printers, televisions, and other covered materials from Wisconsin landfills and incinerators.

What electronic items are now banned?

- consumer computers
- consumer printers, including desktop printers and printer/fax/copier/scanner combinations
- consumer video display devices, including televisions, laptop computers and computer monitors with displays of at least 7" in the longest diagonal direction
- computer peripherals including keyboards, mice, hard drives and other devices
- fax machines
- DVD players, VCRs and other video players (i.e., DVRs)
- phones with video displays (i.e., cell phones)

Where do I recycle my electronic waste?

Residents have several options to properly recycle electronic waste. Below are a few suggestions but residents should call the local dealer to confirm they will take your electronic component and if there are any conditions or costs involved:

- Goodwill Stores (computer equipment only), West Bend (262-335-2053)
- Best Buy, Grafton (262-243-0439)
- Midwest Computer Recyclers, Oak Creek (888-627-1627) (drop-off & pickup)
- Veolia Technical Solutions, Port Washington (262-243-8998)
- Waste Management, Milwaukee (414-281-8900)
- Talk to retailer about recycling old electronics when purchasing new electronics
- Check Yellow Pages™ for additional options

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provides the following suggestions along with internet links to assist in finding a recycler in your area:

- Ask your retailer or product manufacturer if they will take back your electronics for recycling. There are a growing number of these programs, though the types and brands of equipment they will accept vary.
- Computers that are still usable could be donated to a school or non-profit group, or check the Yellow Pages™ listings for "Computers: Sales and Service" to sell or give your computer to a repair or resale business
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has [information and links to find electronics recyclers](http://epa.gov/epawaste) (epa.gov/epawaste).
- The [Wisconsin Recycling Markets Directory](http://www.uwm.edu/shwec) contains listings for some electronics recyclers (www.uwm.edu/shwec).
- [myGreenElectronics](http://www.mygreenelectronics.org) is a site from the Consumer Electronics Association that allows consumers to search for electronics recyclers by location and product type (www.mygreenelectronics.org).
- [Earth911](http://www.earth911.com) has resources for electronics recycling, including a search function that lets you find recyclers in your area (www.earth911.com).

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For more information regarding the new electronics recycling law, please contact the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/ewaste/>
(608)266-2111

For local recycling information, contact the City of Cedarburg
Public Works Department at 262-375-7609