

## Electronic Take-Back and Donation Programs

Free electronics recycling and refurbishment are available through several national and international programs. Many manufacturers and national retailers offer free electronics recycling. Another option for electronics recycling is to sell used products on various trade-in websites. In addition, many organizations also accept electronics, which they in turn refurbish and donate to various non-profit organizations or charities. This document offers many national programs which offer electronic recycling or refurbishment opportunities.

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### Computer Repair

You may be unsure if you want to get rid of your electronics. If this is the case, review “[Fix it or Nix it](#)” by the Greener Choices Guide. If your computer may be fixable, you may want to try repairing the electronic components yourself or by bringing the electronics to a professional. Several online resources are available to guide you through self-repairing your electronic equipment.

[iFixit](#)

[FixYa](#)

[ePanorama](#)

### Data Removal

Before turning in your electronics, make sure to erase all personal data from your computer, cell phone or other electronic. Below are several manuals for removing private data from cell phones and computers.

#### Cell Phones

[Personal Information Removal Manuals, The Wireless Source](#)

[Free Data Eraser, ReCellular](#)

#### Computers

[Active@Kill Disk – Hard Drive Eraser](#)

[Actronis® Drive Cleanser](#)

[Blanco Data Cleaner Clean Your Old Hard Drives, TechSoup](#)


[Do the “PC” Thing: Donate Computers; pg. 2, USEPA](#)

[Eraser](#)







[Obliterate Hard-Drive Data with Disk-Wiping Software, TechSoup](#)

## Retailer Recycling Programs

This list includes various retailers who offer electronics take-back or recycling programs. The programs are free, unless noted otherwise.

 Mail-In Program


 Deliver to Store

Name	How to Recycle	Cell Phone	Desktop	Laptop	Monitor	Printer/Scanner	Fax Machines	Peripherals	Televisions	Digital Cameras	Video Cameras	VCRs/DVD Players	PDAs	MP3 Players	CDs/DVDs	Rechargeable Batteries	GPS	Video Game Consoles	Toner/Ink Cartridge
<a href="#">AT&amp;T</a>		✓																	
<a href="#">American TV and Appliance</a>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
<a href="#">Best Buy</a>		Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state																	
<a href="#">Costco</a>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
<a href="#">Office Depot<sup>1</sup></a>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
<a href="#">Radio Shack</a>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	
<a href="#">Sears</a>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
<a href="#">Staples<sup>2</sup></a>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓			✓
<a href="#">Sprint</a>		✓																	
<a href="#">T-Mobile</a>		✓											✓			✓			
<a href="#">Verizon (with Hopeline)</a>		✓																	


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<a href="#">Virgin Mobile</a>	✉	✓																	
<a href="#">Walmart</a>	✉	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	

## Manufacturer Take-Back Programs

This list includes various manufacturers who offer electronics take-back or recycling programs. The programs are free, unless noted otherwise.

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<a href="#">Acer</a> <sup>3</sup>	 		✓	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓					
<a href="#">Apple</a> <sup>4</sup>		✓	✓	✓	✓									✓						
<a href="#">Asus</a>			✓	✓	✓			✓					✓							
<a href="#">Canon</a>						✓	✓			✓	✓									
<a href="#">Dell</a>			✓	✓		✓		✓												
<a href="#">Manufacturers Recycling Management Company</a>		Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state (Accepted Manufacturers: Canon, Envision, Hitachi, JVC, Mitsubishi, Panasonic, Philips, Pioneer, Polaroid, RCA, Sanyo, Sharp Electronics, Synaps, Toshiba, and VIZIO)																		
<a href="#">Epson</a> <sup>5</sup>						✓	✓												✓	
<a href="#">Fujitsu</a>				✓																
<a href="#">Gateway</a>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		
<a href="#">HP</a>	 	Accepted electronics vary by state				✓	Accepted electronics vary by state													✓

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<a href="#">IBM</a>	✉	Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state																		
<a href="#">Kodak</a>	♻️									✓										
<a href="#">Lenovo</a>	✉	Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state																		
<a href="#">Lexmark</a>	✉	Accepted electronics vary by state				✓	Accepted electronics vary by state													✓
<a href="#">LG Electronics</a>	♻️	✓			✓				✓			✓	✓				Yes			
<a href="#">Motorola</a>	✉	✓																		
<a href="#">Nokia</a>	✉	✓																		
<a href="#">Panasonic</a>	✉			✓																
<a href="#">Samsung</a>	♻️	Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state																		
<a href="#">Sharp</a>	✉					✓	✓		✓							✓			✓	
<a href="#">Sony<sup>6</sup></a>	♻️	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
<a href="#">Sony Ericsson</a>	✉	✓																		
<a href="#">Toshiba</a>	✉	Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state																		
<a href="#">Vizio</a>	✉	Electronics collection and fees vary according to each state																		

## Electronics Trade-In Programs

This list includes various organizations who offer electronics trade-in programs, where the consumer would be paid for their used electronics. Usually, electronics are also sold at a reduced price to another consumer. All of the following programs are free to use.


 Mail-In Program

 Deliver to Store












Name	How to Recycle	Cell Phone	Desktop	Laptop	Monitor	Printer/Scanner	Fax Machines	Peripherals	Televisions	Digital Cameras	Video Cameras	VCRs/DVD Players	PDAs	MP3 Players	CDs/DVDs	Rechargeable Batteries	GPS	Video Game Consoles	Toner/Ink Cartridge
<a href="#">Buy My Tronics</a>		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓		✓	✓					
<a href="#">Cash for Cell</a>		✓																	
<a href="#">EZ Trade-In</a>		✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Eco-Cell</a>		✓																	
<a href="#">Flip Swap</a>		✓																	
<a href="#">Gazelle</a>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
<a href="#">NextWorth</a>		✓		✓						✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
<a href="#">Recycle for Dollars</a>																			✓
<a href="#">TechForward</a>			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			✓			✓		
<a href="#">TradeUps</a>		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
<a href="#">You Renew</a>		✓		✓						✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	




## Electronic Donation/Charity Programs

Several organizations take in electronics, which they then refurbish and donate to various charities. Participation in these programs is free of charge.





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<a href="#">Call 2 Recycle</a>		✓																	✓
<a href="#">Cell Phone Bank</a>		✓																	
<a href="#">Charitable Recycling</a>		✓																	
<a href="#">Close the Gap</a>			✓	✓															
<a href="#">Computers for Schools</a>		✓	✓	✓															
<a href="#">Computers for Youth</a>			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓											
<a href="#">Digital Links</a>			✓	✓															
<a href="#">Earth911.com</a>		Accepted electronics and fees vary according to state and charitable organization.																	
<a href="#">Educational Assistance Ltd.</a>		Not specified on the program website.																	
<a href="#">Free Geek</a>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Greenest Genius</a>		✓		✓				✓					✓	✓					
		Accepted Manufacturers: Apple																	

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<a href="#">Gifts In Kind</a>			✓	✓															
<a href="#">Hopeline (with Verizon)</a>		✓																	
<a href="#">Inter Connection</a>			✓	✓															
<a href="#">National Cristina Foundation</a>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓											
<a href="#">Nonprofit Recycling Network</a>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Purple Elephant Computer Factory</a>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓					
<a href="#">Reconnect (Dell and Goodwill)</a> <sup>7</sup>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓										✓
<a href="#">Salvation Army</a>		Collected electronics vary according to each state.																	
<a href="#">ReCellular</a>		✓																	
<a href="#">Recycle My Cellphone</a>		✓											✓						
<a href="#">Recycling for Charities</a>		✓	✓							✓			✓	✓					



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<a href="#">TechSoup Global</a>			✓	✓															
<a href="#">Wireless Alliance</a>		✓																	
<a href="#">Wireless Foundation</a>		✓											✓						
<a href="#">World Computer Exchange</a>			✓	✓									✓						

<sup>1</sup> Office Depot offers free recycling for cell phones, PDAs, rechargeable batteries and cartridges. Other electronics need to be placed into a specific mall, medium, or large Office Depot box, where the recycling of the box's contents cost \$5, \$10, and \$15 respectively.

<sup>2</sup> Staples offers free desktop, laptop, and monitor recycling for Dell products, but the recycling of the other brands costs \$10. All other electronics recycling offered through Staples is free, regardless of manufacturer.

<sup>3</sup> Acer requires the customer to pay shipping and handling charges for the electronics. Accepted products for recycling vary based on location of the customer.

<sup>4</sup> Recycling fee varies depending on the store location.

<sup>5</sup> the cost of recycling is \$10/item, but customers will receive a \$5 gift card for each returned item.

<sup>6</sup> Recycling fees vary according to state.

<sup>7</sup> Televisions and cell phones may not be collected in all locations. Contact your [local Goodwill](#) for more information.

## State Electronic Waste Recycling Programs

The following list provides information about state-registered Ewaste recycling programs.



Mail-In Program



Deliver to Store

State and <a href="#">E-Waste Laws</a>	State Environmental Department	Registered Recyclers
Alabama (AL) <a href="#">HB 2614, Article 11</a>	<a href="#">Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs</a>	<a href="#">Alabama Recyclers and Processors Directory</a>
Arkansas (AR) <a href="#">Act 970/HB 2115</a>	<a href="#">Department of Environmental Quality</a>	<a href="#">Arkansas Recycling Marketing Directory</a>
California (CA) <a href="#">SB 50; AB 2901;</a> <a href="#">Code of Regulations Title 22, Division 4.5</a>	<a href="#">California Department of Toxic Substances Control</a>	<a href="#">Electronic Product Management Directory</a>
Colorado (CO) <a href="#">HB 09-1282</a>	<a href="#">Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment</a>	<a href="#">List of Electronics Recyclers</a>
Connecticut (CT) <a href="#">HB 7249/ Act 07-189 and Title 22a, Ch. 446n</a>	<a href="#">Department of Environmental Protection</a>	<a href="#">Local Municipal Recycling</a> or <a href="#">Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority</a>
Delaware (DE)	<a href="#">Delaware Solid Waste Authority</a>	<a href="#">Electronic Goods Recycling for Residents, Schools, and Non-Profit Agencies</a>
Florida (FL)	<a href="#">Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Solid and Hazardous Waste</a>	<a href="#">Florida-based Electronics Recyclers</a>
Hawaii (HI) <a href="#">SB 2843</a>	<a href="#">Hawaii State Department of Health</a>	<a href="#">Hawaii E-waste Collectors</a>
Idaho (ID)	<a href="#">Idaho Department of Environmental Quality</a>	<a href="#">Waste Management: DEQ's Online Recycling Directory</a>
Illinois (IL) <a href="#">Public Act 095-0959/SB 2313</a>	<a href="#">Illinois Environmental Protection Agency</a>	<a href="#">Registered Residential E-Waste Collection Sites in Illinois</a>

<b>State and <a href="#">E-Waste Laws</a></b>	<b>State Environmental Department</b>	<b>Registered Recyclers</b>
<b>Indiana (IN)</b> <a href="#">HB 1589</a>	<a href="#">Indiana Department of Environmental Management</a>	<a href="#">Collectors and Collection Site Locations</a> and <a href="#">Recyclers</a>
<b>Iowa (IA)</b>	<a href="#">Iowa Department of Natural Resources; Waste Management</a>	<a href="#">Permitted CRT Facilities</a>
<b>Kansas (KS)</b>	<a href="#">Kansas Recycle EWaste</a>	<a href="#">Curbside Programs</a>
<b>Kentucky (KY)</b> <a href="#">SB 160 (BR 1276)</a>	<a href="#">Kentucky Division of Waste Management</a>	<a href="#">E-Scrap Recyclers</a>
<b>Maine (ME)</b> <a href="#">Title 38, §1610</a>	<a href="#">Maine Department of Environmental Protection; Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management</a>	<a href="#">Consolidators Approved to participate in Maine's Ewaste Collection</a>
<b>Maryland (MD)</b> <a href="#">HB 488</a>	<a href="#">Maryland Department of the Environment</a>	<a href="#">Community and Permanent eCycling Collection Events</a>
<b>Michigan (MI)</b> <a href="#">SB 897</a>	<a href="#">Department of Natural Resources and Environment</a>	<a href="#">2010 Registered Electronic Waste Recyclers</a>
<b>Minnesota (MN)</b> <a href="#">HF 854</a>	<a href="#">Minnesota Pollution Control Agency</a>	<a href="#">Registered Stakeholders</a>
<b>Mississippi (MS)</b>	<a href="#">Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality</a>	<a href="#">Electronic Waste Recyclers Database</a>
<b>Missouri (MO)</b> <a href="#">SB 720</a>	<a href="#">Missouri Department of Natural Resources</a>	<a href="#">Registered Electronics Recycling Business List</a>
<b>Montana (MT)</b> <a href="#">HB 555</a>	<a href="#">Montana Department of Environmental Quality</a>	<a href="#">Montana Recycling Locations</a>
<b>Nebraska (NE)</b> <a href="#">LB 644</a>	<a href="#">Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality</a>	<a href="#">State Recycling</a>
<b>Nevada (NV)</b> <a href="#">AB 426</a>	<a href="#">Nevada Division of Environmental Protection; Bureau of Waste Management</a>	<a href="#">What to do with your E-Waste in Nevada</a>

<b>State and <u>E-Waste Laws</u></b>	<b>State Environmental Department</b>	<b>Registered Recyclers</b>
<b>New Hampshire (NH)</b> <i><a href="#">HB 338</a> and <a href="#">HB 1455</a></i>	<a href="#">New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services</a>	<a href="#">Computer Recycling Vendors</a>
<b>New Jersey (NJ)</b> <i><a href="#">A3343</a> and <a href="#">A3572</a></i>	<a href="#">New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection</a>	<a href="#">Consumer Electronics Recycling Facilities</a>
<b>New Mexico (NM)</b> <i><a href="#">SJM 11</a></i>	<a href="#">New Mexico Environment Department; Solid Waste Bureau</a>	<a href="#">New Mexico Recycling Coalition</a>
<b>New York State (NY)</b> <i><a href="#">2006, Ch. 730</a> and <a href="#">A11308/S 7988, Title 27</a></i>	<a href="#">New York State Department of Environmental Conservations</a>	<a href="#">List of Dismantlers and Recyclers of Used Electronic Equipment</a>
<b>North Carolina (NC)</b> <i><a href="#">S1492</a> and <a href="#">H819 v.5</a></i>	<a href="#">North Carolina Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance</a>	<a href="#">North Carolina Recycling Markets Directory</a>
<b>North Dakota (ND)</b>	<a href="#">North Dakota Department of Health; Waste Management</a>	<a href="#">Electronic Recycling Facilities</a>
<b>Ohio (OH)</b> <i><a href="#">HB 447</a></i>	<a href="#">Ohio Environmental Protection Agency</a>	<a href="#">Ohio Recyclers and Environmental Service Providers</a>
<b>Oklahoma (OK)</b> <i><a href="#">SB 1631</a></i>	<a href="#">Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality</a>	<a href="#">Community Recycling Information</a>
<b>Oregon (OR)</b> <i><a href="#">HB 2626</a></i>	<a href="#">Oregon Department of Environmental Quality</a>	<a href="#">Oregon E-Cycles</a>
<b>Pennsylvania (PA)</b> <i><a href="#">HB 708</a> and <a href="#">HB 409</a></i>	<a href="#">Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; Hazardous Waste Program</a>	<a href="#">Permanent Collection Programs</a> and <a href="#">Electronics Recyclers</a>
<b>Rhode Island (RI)</b> <i><a href="#">HB 7880</a> and <a href="#">SB 2631</a></i>	<a href="#">State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management</a>	<a href="#">2009 Household Hazardous Waste and e-waste Drop Offs</a>
<b>South Carolina (SC)</b> <i><a href="#">HB4093</a></i>	<a href="#">South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control</a>	<a href="#">South Carolina eCycling</a>
<b>South Dakota (SD)</b>	<a href="#">South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources</a>	<a href="#">Electronics Recyclers</a>

<b>State and <a href="#">E-Waste Laws</a></b>	<b>State Environmental Department</b>	<b>Registered Recyclers</b>
<b>Tennessee (TN)</b>	<a href="#">Department of Environment and Conservation</a>	<a href="#">Household Hazardous Waste Schedule</a>
<b>Texas (TX)</b> <a href="#">80(R) HB 2714</a>	<a href="#">Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</a>	<a href="#">Recycle Texas Online</a>
<b>Utah (UT)</b> <a href="#">HB 153, Pt. 13</a>	<a href="#">Utah Department of Environmental Quality</a>	<a href="#">Utah Electronics Recyclers</a>
<b>Vermont (VT)</b> <a href="#">S 77</a>	<a href="#">Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation</a>	<a href="#">Vermont eCycling</a>
<b>Virginia (VA)</b> <a href="#">HB 344, Ch. 541</a>	<a href="#">Virginia Department of Environmental Quality</a>	<a href="#">Virginia Localities Offering eCycling Services</a>
<b>Washington (WA)</b> <a href="#">SB 6428</a>	<a href="#">State of Washington: Department of Ecology</a>	<a href="#">1-800-RECYCLE Database</a>
<b>West Virginia (WV)</b> <a href="#">SB 746 Sub.1</a>	<a href="#">e-Cycling West Virginia</a>	<a href="#">Recycling Coalition of West Virginia</a>
<b>Wisconsin (WI)</b> <a href="#">SB 107</a>	<a href="#">Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources</a>	<a href="#">E-Cycle Wisconsin Register Recyclers</a>
<b>Wyoming (WY)</b>	<a href="#">Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality</a>	<a href="#">Wyoming Recycling Directory</a>

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