

Residential E-Waste Recycling Programs in the Northeast

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This document provides information on a state-by-state basis about how individuals can identify e-waste recycling opportunities. The information includes Websites and phone numbers.

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CONNECTICUT

Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) posts information on [electronics recycling](#) opportunities in the state. Connecticut's [Electronic Recycling Law](#), expected to take effect in early 2011, is designed to ensure that residents have convenient and free opportunities to recycle their computers, printers, televisions, and monitors. Manufacturers must finance the transportation and recycling of electronics. Under the law, electronics designated for recycling are known as *covered electronic devices* or "CEDs." A disposal ban on CEDs took effect on January 1, 2011.

The CT DEP maintains a list of [residential e-waste drop-off locations](#) on its Website. For more information, contact [municipal recycling coordinators](#) for specific electronics recycling information.

Several regional solid waste authorities and committees sponsor one-day electronics collection events for member towns. Residents of member towns can for more information contact the following to obtain information on schedules, times, locations, etc:

- [Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority \(CRRA\)](#) - or call at (860) 757-7788.
- [Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee/TROC](#) – or call Mark Bobman at (860) 585-0419
- [Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority \(SCRRA\)](#) For more information, contact: Winston Averill, SCRRA (860) 536-6765
- Residents of towns that are members of the Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority (HRA) can also visit the [HRA Website](#) for information.

For more information, contact: [Tom Metzner](#), Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. Phone: 860-424-3242

DELAWARE

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) has an [Electronic Goods Recycling Program](#) that allows homeowners and businesses to conveniently drop-off their unwanted computers, televisions, and other electronic items for free at [DSWA facilities statewide](#). DSWA will also accept electronic goods for recycling at all [Household Hazardous Waste Events](#). An [Electronic Goods Recycling Brochure](#) and other information on electronics recycling are available on the [DSWA Website](#).

For more information, contact the Delaware Solid Waste Authority Citizens' Response Line at 1-800-404-7080.

MAINE

It is illegal in Maine to dispose of computer monitors or televisions. All unwanted computer monitors and televisions from households, businesses, and institutions must be recycled. **An alphabetical listing by town of collection sites for this unwanted electronic waste is available online.**

In addition, Maine's State Planning Office (SPO)'s provides a [Listing of Municipal Recycling Programs](#) that provides a listing of municipal recycling program staff and contact information. In addition, some retail stores and non-profits provide collection opportunities. For more information, contact the Maine SPO Waste Management and Recycling Program at (207) 624-6243 or visit on-line at www.recyclemaine.com

MASSACHUSETTS

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP) **Website provides information about [electronics recycling](#) opportunities for residents and businesses.**

There are two primary sources of information for community-based electronics recycling programs:

- Mass DEP's "Recycling in My Community" Webpage has a list of [Municipal Recycling Programs](#).
- [Earth 911](#) provides community-specific information. Enter a 5-digit zip code to see available options. Residents can also call (800) 253-2687 for recycling information in their area.

For more information, contact: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Consumer Programs at (617) 292-5500.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) has a list of [commercial demanufacturers and charitable organizations](#) that accept computer equipment, with a particular emphasis on computer monitors and televisions.

A list of [recycling facilities and/or transfer stations](#) in New Hampshire that accept computers and color televisions that contain CRTs, as well as some other electronics is also provided.

For more information, contact: New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (603) 271-3713.

NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection provides a listing of places to recycle e-waste on its [Website](#). As of January 1, 2011, computers, monitors, laptops, portable computers and televisions can no longer be put in the trash. The [Electronics Waste Management Act](#) requires that free recycling for computers, monitors, laptops, portable computers, and televisions be available for residents and small businesses. The costs are paid by electronics manufacturers.

For more information, contact [Dana Lawson](#), New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Phone: (866) DEP-NOW

NEW YORK

On April 1, 2011, New York State's [Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act](#), a comprehensive manufacturer-financed e-waste recycling program, takes effect. This law will result in free opportunities for consumers, schools, municipalities, small businesses, and small non-profits to recycle televisions, computer monitors, computers, computer peripherals, printers, fax machines, and some small electronic devices. The state will be maintaining a list of all locations for e-waste recycling.

More information is available on the Department of Environmental Conservation's [used electronics](#) Web page.

For more information, contact ewaste@gw.dec.state.ny.us; New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Phone: 518-402-8706

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has comprehensive information on its [Electronic Management Program](#), including donation and recycling of unwanted electronics. Specific information about county [Electronics Collection Programs](#) is also available.

Full implementation of Pennsylvania's "[Covered Device Recycling Act](#)," will take place January 2012. The legislation requires e-waste manufacturers to finance the recycling of designated electronics, including televisions, computers, monitors, keyboards, mice, and printers. The law also requires a ban on e-waste disposal in landfills to be implemented January 2013.

For more information, contact: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at (800) 346-4242 or (717) 787-7382.

RHODE ISLAND

The Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC) offers Rhode Island residents [free recycling](#) of computers, monitors, mouse pointers, hard drives, modems, scanners, laptops, printers, and televisions at its facility in Johnston and at a scheduled satellite collection dates. A schedule of collection events is posted on the RIRRC Website.

[RI's Electronic Waste Law](#) established a disposal ban for “covered electronic products.” Under the law, manufacturers of electronic products have individual financial responsibility to take back and recycle products from residents and schools.

For more information, contact: [Joe Rotella](#); Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation.
Phone: (401) 942-1430

VERMONT

Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources has information on the Vermont's [E-Waste Recycling Program](#) provides Web links to, where most provide computer recycling. This agency's [E-Consumers Information](#) has a list of [Existing Vermont E-Waste Collection Sites](#), as well as additional information.

Under the state's [electronic waste law](#) disposal of electronic waste is banned. Convenient and free collection of electronic waste for consumers, charities, school districts, and small businesses is scheduled to begin July 1, 2011.

For more information, contact: Vermont Agency of Natural Resources at (802) 241-3888.

OTHER RESOURCES

[E-World Online](#), hosted by E-World Recyclers, offers a zip code based search tool for finding drop-off locations.

[myGreenElectronics.org](#) hosted by the Consumer Electronics Association has a database of electronics recycling programs searchable by zip code, as well as listing of [manufacturer and retailer take-back and recycling programs](#).

The [Electronics Industry Alliance: Consumer Education Initiative](#) provides state-by-state resources on electronics disposal.

<http://1800recycling.com/> 1-800-Recycling.com is a dynamic recycling and green living-focused Website that makes recycling, conserving, reusing, and living wisely easy. 1-800-Recycling.com is regularly updated with important how-to directives aimed at increasing recycling awareness. The Website includes state and town-specific recycling information.