

## WHAT IS OREGON E-CYCLES?

Oregon E-Cycles, a new program created by Oregon's Electronics Recycling Law, provides free recycling of computers, monitors and televisions to anyone with seven or fewer items to recycle at a time. Oregon E-Cycles is financed by electronics manufacturers, and will be in operation after January 1, 2009.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality wishes to thank electronics manufacturers for sponsoring this innovative program to responsibly recycle electronics in Oregon.

Electronics manufacturers and the DEQ-administered State Contractor Program have contracted with collectors around the state, making e-cycling convenient and easy. You can be assured that items taken to participating Oregon E-Cycles collection sites are handled safely and responsibly according to environmentally-sound management practices established by DEQ.



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## WHAT'S COVERED AND WHAT'S NOT?

RECYCLING OF THESE PRODUCTS IS FREE UNDER THE PROGRAM:

- Computers  
(Desktops and Laptops)
- Computer Monitors
- Televisions

Recycling of these products is NOT FREE under the program:

- Mice and keyboards
- Printers, copiers and scanners
- Cell phones
- All other electronics, including appliances

For recycling locations:

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## WHY E-CYCLE?

Oregonians throw away tens of millions of pounds of unwanted electronics each year. That's millions of pounds of valuable materials that if recycled, could be used instead of virgin materials to make new products. Not only does e-cycling conserve natural resources, but it reduces greenhouse gas emissions as well. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that recycling 1 million computers prevents the release of a greenhouse gas equivalent to the annual emissions of over 17,000 passenger cars.

Electronics also contain toxics such as lead, cadmium and mercury that even in small amounts can harm our health and pollute our environment. E-cycling your computers, monitors and televisions through Oregon E-Cycles keeps these toxics out of our environment. If your unwanted electronics are still working, you may want to consider donating your items to a charity or other organizations that may not be able to afford new equipment.

E-cycling is an integral part of product stewardship. It helps us all take responsibility for the products we buy and use from the beginning to the end of their useful lives.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO MY STUFF?

Recyclers participating in the Oregon E-Cycles program are held to high standards and must comply with DEQ's environmentally-sound management practices. If the product you drop off still works, it may be reused through resale or donation. Ask collection sites where you are dropping off your items for more information.

### **Data security**

Oregon E-Cycles and its participating collection sites and recyclers assume no liability for personal or confidential information left on your computer. If your computer is functional, it is recommended that you erase all data before recycling. Simply reformatting your drive or deleting files does NOT provide secure and complete data destruction.

### **For more information**

To find out more about Oregon E-Cycles, product stewardship, data destruction, drop-off locations and how to recycle items not covered by the program:

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