

What about electronics not covered under the new *E-CYCLE Washington* program?

Items, such as stereos, DVD & VCR players, iPods, printers, copiers, keyboards, mice, speakers, modems, and phones are not included as part of the new state recycling law. However, *E-CYCLE* locations have the option of taking these other items for free, charging a small fee, or just not accepting them. Please check with each location.

In addition, many local retail chains, non-profits, and other businesses accept a variety of electronics and other items for reuse or recycling.

Go to www.co.thurston.wa.us/wwm for a list of locations. Look for the yellow highlighted link to "Where Should I Take My?". You may also call us at 360-357-2491 for information and locations.

Please call the organizations directly to verify fees (if any), hours of operation, and items accepted.

Reuse - always the best choice

If your electronic item is still working, remember that reuse is always more environmentally friendly than recycling. Giving away usable items can help people and organizations who may not be able to afford to buy new equipment.

Consider posting working items on one of the free-to-use online materials exchange websites listed below. And don't forget to cruise the sites to find bargains for yourself too - they offer much more than just electronics.

<http://www.2good2toss.com>
<http://seattle.craigslist.org>
<http://www.usedolympia.com>

Will the switch to digital TV broadcasting in February 2009 make my TV obsolete?

Analog TVs will continue to work just as before, if connected to a cable or satellite service. If you have an older TV and currently get your programs free (through an antenna or "rabbit ears"), you will need a digital-to-analog converter box.

The Department of Commerce is offering each household up to two \$40 coupons for use toward the purchase of digital-to-analog converter boxes.

For information on the switchover to digital broadcasting, visit www.dtv2009.gov or call 1-888-388-2009.

What about the personal data on my computer?

It's up to you to remove any sensitive data from your computer before donating or recycling. Deleting files doesn't actually destroy all the data.

Software programs are available that will remove data. An Internet search for "hard disk eraser" will provide links to information on these types of programs. Many are under \$30 and others, such as Eraser by Heidi Computers Limited, are advertised as free.



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ELECTRONICS Reuse & Recycling Opportunities in Thurston County



Millions of pounds of unwanted electronics are thrown in the trash in Washington each year.

Electronics can contain toxic materials such as lead, cadmium, mercury and hazardous chemicals that can harm human health and the environment.

Recycling and reuse keeps these and other materials out of our landfills, conserves natural resources, and reduces the energy required to make products from scratch.

Beginning January 1, 2009, manufacturers are required by state law to provide recycling services for TVs, desktop computers, laptop computers, and monitors at no cost to residents, non-profits, small businesses, schools, and local governments in Washington State through the new ***E-CYCLE Washington*** program.

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E-Cycle Washington thanks electronics manufacturers for sponsoring this innovative program to responsibly and safely recycle electronics in our state. You can also be assured that items taken to authorized collectors are handled safely and responsibly according to preferred management standards set by Washington Materials Management and Financing Authority (WMMFA) and the State Department of Ecology. For details about the new program, visit www.ecyclewashington.org.

The following ***E-CYCLE Washington*** locations were listed as of December 15, 2008. We anticipate other locations being added as the new program expands.

**For an up-to-date list, go to
<http://1800recycle.wa.gov>
or call 1-800-RECYCLE.**

Goodwill Lacey Retail Store

1145 Galaxy Drive NE in Lacey
(360) 413-7191

Accepts all types of electronics items for free.
Monday through Saturday – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Goodwill Olympia Retail Store

400 Cooper Point Road SW in Olympia
(360) 956-0669

Accepts all types of electronics items for free.
Monday through Saturday – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Goodwill South Lacey Retail Store

4800 Yelm Hwy SE in Lacey
(360) 456-1800

Accepts all types of electronics items for free.
Monday through Saturday – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Goodwill Tumwater Donation Station

Mega Foods

700 Trosper Road S.W. in Tumwater
(253) 573-1333 ext. 306

Accepts all types of electronics items for free.
Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Goodwill Lacey Donation Station

Thurston County Waste & Recovery Center
2418 Hogum Road in Lacey
(253) 573-1333 ext. 306

Accepts all types of electronics items for free.
Monday through Friday - 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(Closed New Year's Day, Independence Day,
Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

Washington State Surplus

Department of General Administration
7511 New Market Street in Tumwater
(360) 753-3508

Accepts just those items covered under
the state program: Televisions, desktop
computers, laptop computers, and monitors.
Tuesday through Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed all state holidays.



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