



Information for Residents

WHERE CAN ELECTRONICS
BE RECYCLED?

CONSIDER DONATING YOUR
WORKING ELECTRONICS

FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS

Residents have been encouraged to recycle their old, unwanted electronics.

Residents are now required to recycle electronics. It's the law.

In May 2010, South Carolina passed **legislation** that requires residents to recycle desktop, laptop, notebook and tablet computers as well as computer monitors, printers and televisions. The **legislation** specifically says that residents "may not knowingly place or discard" a computer, computer monitor, printer and television "in any waste stream that is to be disposed of in a solid waste landfill." The ban takes effect July 1, 2011.

Electronics contain cadmium, lead, mercury and other toxic materials that can be hazardous to human health and the environment if not properly managed. All non-working electronics should be recycled. Working electronics may be upgraded or donated for continued use.



Where can electronics be recycled?

There are multiple ways for residents to recycle the banned electronics listed above as well as other electronic equipment.

- All **computer, printer and television manufacturers** are required by law to provide collection programs after July 1, 2011.
- Many **retailers** offer collection programs.
- Many **local governments** provide collection programs or single-day collection events to collect electronics.

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Consider donating your working electronics.

Many communities have non-profits and other organizations that accept working computers, cell phones and other electronics. Donating can be an excellent option, but it is important to remember that non-working and obsolete electronics can become a burden for the organization. Always check with these organizations to make sure your unwanted electronics meet their needs.

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