

# eCycling

## the reusing & recycling of electronic equipment

### How to Recycle Electronics

Bring them to a CVWMA electronics collection event or electronics drop-off site. Events are held throughout the year to collect unwanted equipment. Visit [www.cvwma.com](http://www.cvwma.com) for event dates and locations!

### Accepted Devices

- Computers & monitors
- Computer accessories (cables, wires, keyboards, mice, speakers, etc.)
- Printers, scanners & copiers
- Televisions
- Telephones & cell phones
- Fax machines
- VCRs & camcorders
- Stereos
- Microwave ovens
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Anything with a plug!



### Cost

A fee will be charged for TVs, computer monitors, and compact fluorescent light bulbs. Other items will be accepted at no charge.



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## Why Recycle Electronics?

Electronic products often contain hazardous and toxic materials that pose environmental risks if they are landfilled or incinerated.

- Traditional televisions and computer monitors use cathode ray tubes (CRTs), which have significant amounts of lead.
- Flat screen TVs and monitors contain mercury.
- Printed circuit boards contain primarily plastic and copper, and most have small amounts of chromium, lead solder, nickel, and zinc.
- The batteries that power many electronic products often contain nickel, cadmium, and other heavy metals.
- Relays and switches in electronics, especially older ones, may contain mercury.

### Ways to Reduce Electronic Waste

The next time you are considering the purchase of a new electronic device, consider these tips:

- **Avoid "gadgets."** Electronic versions of traditional household appliances and tools may not actually be an improvement, may be more costly, and may wear out faster.
- **Select durable products.** When shopping for electronic and electrical items, review the product's repair history and consumer reliability ratings.
- **Repair instead of replace.** It may be cheaper than replacing it.
- **Upgrade your existing gear.** Some products can be upgraded by replacing a single component instead of the entire unit. This saves money and reduces waste.
- **Lease equipment.** When it's time to upgrade to a newer product, the user returns the old unit to the vendor, often for a credit toward a future purchase. When acquiring new computer equipment, ask and learn about lease options.





The Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) is a public service authority that implements solid waste management and recycling programs for thirteen local governments. Since its formation in 1990, the CVWMA has endeavored to provide efficient and economical waste management and recycling solutions for its member jurisdictions.

**Our Menu of Programs Includes:**

- Curbside Recycling
- Drop-Off Recycling Centers
- Electronics Recycling
- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal
- Propane Tank Recycling
- Appliance and Metal Recycling
- Battery Recycling
- Textile Recycling

**Recycling Hotline: 340-0900**

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