



Recycle at Work

ELECTRONICS

When you purchase, use and dispose of electronic products, there are important choices you can make that can help save energy, protect the environment and preserve natural resources.

Why recycle electronics?

Ensures toxic material is handled properly.

Reclaims valuable resources for reuse.

Electronics contain hazardous material

Televisions, computers, printers and other electronic devices have a significant impact on our environment. Electronic equipment contains toxic components such as lead, mercury, cadmium and chromium. Large amounts of energy and natural resources are consumed to produce these products, and they have a short life span because of rapid technical advances.

Consider options to manage obsolete electronics

- Donate usable equipment to a school or nonprofit group.
- Sell or offer used computers to employees or to computer repair/resale businesses.
- Return products to the original manufacturers, which have programs to take back computers they produced.

Recycle your electronics

Electronic manufacturers are now required to provide responsible recycling for computers, monitors, televisions and laptops at no cost to anyone bringing seven or fewer items to a participating collector at one time. Find a collection site near you on the Oregon E-Cycles web site listed below.

Conserve energy, use equipment wisely

Computers and other electronics can consume significant amounts of electricity during use. Purchasing energy-efficient products and employing power-management technologies and software can reduce electricity consumption and save money.

For more information

Visit www.RecycleAtWork.com or call Metro Recycling Information at 503-234-3000.

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Research electronic products before buying

EPEAT™ is an easy-to-use tool that can help you compare and select electronic products based on environmental attributes, cost and performance. EPEAT-registered products meet minimum performance standards in areas such as energy efficiency, toxicity reduction and material selection.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ELECTRONICS

Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)

www.federalelectronicchallenge.net/resources/docs/peat.pdf

Free electronics recycling for small quantities

www.oregonecycles.org

Managing used computers

www.deq.state.or.us/lq/pubs/factsheets/ManagingUsedComputers.pdf

Turning off computers and monitors to save energy

www.deq.state.or.us/lq/pubs/factsheets/sw/ComputersMonitors.pdf

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