

HOW TO RECYCLE ELECTRONICS IN WISCONSIN

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Ecycle>

Many electronics can no longer be put in the trash in Wisconsin and must be reused, recycled or managed as hazardous waste. The information below will help you prepare your electronics for reuse or recycling, find an electronics collection site or contact a recycler for larger volumes of e-waste.

For businesses, schools, institutions, nonprofits and governments, especially if you have a large number of items to recycle, see the DNR publication [Managing Used Electronics \[PDF\]](#) for more information on your options.

FIND AN ELECTRONICS COLLECTION SITE

Electronics from Wisconsin households, K-12 public schools and Parental Choice Program schools may be recycled through E-Cycle Wisconsin. Some of the collectors and recyclers registered under E-Cycle Wisconsin also accept electronics from businesses, colleges and universities, and others not part of E-Cycle Wisconsin. You can use filters to limit the list to sites that accept from businesses, schools or others. Many electronics manufacturers also offer free mail-back programs, primarily for consumers.

- [List of registered E-Cycle Wisconsin collection sites and mail-back programs](#)

ADDITIONAL RECYCLING OPTIONS

If there is no E-Cycle Wisconsin collection site near you, or you have a large quantity of devices and need to work directly with a recycler, the following resources can help. In addition, some electronics, such as cell phones, are often recycled at retail stores, and some electronics manufacturers offer mail-back programs for their brands of electronics.

- [List of registered E-Cycle Wisconsin recyclers](#)
- [Greener Gadgets \[exit DNR\]](#) is a site from the Consumer Electronics Association that allows consumers to search for electronics recyclers by location and product type
- [Earth911 \[exit DNR\]](#) has resources for electronics recycling, including a search function that lets you find recyclers in your area
- [Call2Recycle \[exit DNR\]](#) allows you to enter your city or ZIP code and find drop-off sites for cell phones and rechargeable batteries

REUSE AND RESALE OPTIONS

If your unwanted electronics are relatively new and in good working condition, you may be able to donate them for reuse or sell them. Many electronics retailers and websites offer trade-in or buy-back programs for items such as smartphones, MP3 players and digital cameras.

Before donating items, make sure the organization is willing to accept the items. Often, schools, churches and non-profits cannot use older computers, TVs or other electronics.