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ELECTRONIC RECYCLING FAQ

Q: How can recycling electronics help the environment?

A: The use of electronic products has grown substantially over the past two decades. These complex devices are made of a wide variety of materials such as lead, nickel, cadmium, and mercury, could pose risks to human health or the environment if mismanaged at their end-of-life. Recovering valuable materials found in recycled electronics will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce pollution, save energy, and save resources by extracting fewer raw materials from the earth.

Q: Why should we be recycling our electronics?

A: Desktop and laptop computers, computer monitors, TV's and many other electronics often contain lead, cadmium or mercury which are toxic metals and have the potential to negatively impact the environment if disposed of improperly.

Q: Is there a Law that requires us to recycle electronics?

A: Pennsylvania CDRA or Act 108 expands it's reach on January 24th, 2013, in which the disposal ban on covered devices becomes effective after which no resident may dispose of a covered device. On this date, residents will be required to use an electronic collection program to recycle their covered devices.

Q: What is a covered device?

A: Desktop and laptop computers, monitors, computer peripherals and televisions marketed and intended for the use of consumers in the Commonwealth of PA are covered devices.

Q: What items do you accept for electronics recycling?

A: Some of the items we accept are: home electronics, stereo equipment, industrial equipment, wires, car batteries, plasma televisions, tube televisions, various adapters, cell phones, office phones, phone systems, circuit boards, radios, metals. We also accept common Electrical Appliances such as washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, refrigerators, microwave ovens, satellite dishes, space heaters, irons, hair dryers, vacuums, power hand tools.

Q: Does it matter what kind of condition these items are in?

A: Mostly any condition is acceptable to recycle electronics.