

## E- Waste

Improper disposal of electronic waste that contains heavy metals and pollutants poses a significant threat to human health, leading to respiratory illness, skin infections, stomach disease and other conditions.

Recycling your waste electronics saves resources and protects the earth because new metals don't have to be mined.

When being recycled or disposed of, computer and television monitors contain cathode ray tubes, which typically contain enough lead to be classified as hazardous waste. A typical computer monitor may contain up to eight pounds of lead.

In addition, some researchers estimate that nearly 75 percent of old electronics are in storage, in part because of the uncertainty of how to manage the materials. Combine this with increasing advances in technology and new products headed towards the market and it becomes apparent that proper "e-waste" disposal is crucial to the health of both people and planet.



Visit the Following Sites for  
Additional Information on E-Waste:

[www.calrecycle.ca.gov/electronics/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/electronics/)  
<https://dtsc.ca.gov/electronic-hazardous-waste/>  
[www.recyclestuff.org/](http://www.recyclestuff.org/)

Environmental Services Division  
Community Services Department  
**City of Morgan Hill**

Phone: (408) 778-6480  
Fax : (408) 779-7236  
17575 Peak Avenue  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037  
[www.morganhill.ca.gov](http://www.morganhill.ca.gov)

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**DID YOU KNOW THAT IT IS  
ILLEGAL TO THROW AWAY  
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT SUCH AS  
COMPUTERS, TVs & HOUSEHOLD  
APPLIANCES?**



**Proper Disposal  
of  
Electronic  
Waste**

# Local Computer Recycling & Reuse Companies

## State Certified Recycling & Collection Sites

Facility Name	Phone Number
<b>DG Global, Inc.</b> ----- 875 Jarvis Drive Morgan Hill, CA 95037 <a href="http://www.dgglobal.net/index.html">www.dgglobal.net/index.html</a>	(408) 320-1560 8:30-12 & 12:30-3 Monday - Friday
<b>Pacific Coast Recycling, Inc.</b> ----- 5895 Obata Way Gilroy, CA 95020 <a href="http://www.pacificcoastrecycling.com/">www.pacificcoastrecycling.com/</a>	(408) 848-6811 7-5 Monday - Friday 7-3 Saturday
<b>A &amp; S Metals</b> ----- 6454 Chestnut Street Gilroy, CA 95020 <a href="http://www.asmetals.com">www.asmetals.com</a>	(408) 846-6454 9-5 Monday - Saturday
<b>Staples</b> ----- 1023 Cochrane Road Morgan Hill, CA 95037	(408) 779-7505 9-8 Monday-Friday 10-7 Saturday 11-6 Sunday

Please be aware that there may be a charge to dispose of certain consumer electronics due to disposal costs.

## Frequently Asked Questions?

### E-Waste >>>

Is a popular, informal name for electronic products nearing the end of their "useful life."

Computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, copiers, digital cameras, cell phones, video games and fax machines are common electronic products. Many of these products can be reused, refurbished, or recycled. Unfortunately, electronic discards are one of the fastest growing segments of our nation's waste stream.

### Is "E-Waste" Clearly Defined? >>>

The term "e-waste" is loosely applied to consumer and business electronic equipment that is near or at the end of its useful life. There is no clear definition for e-waste; but as a general rule of thumb, all household appliances with an "on/off" switch should be grouped into the category and disposed of properly.

### What Should I Do with My Electronic Discards? >>>

The mantra of "**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**" applies here. **Reduce** your generation of e-waste through smart procurement and good maintenance. **Reuse** still functioning electronic equipment by donating or selling it to someone who can still use it. **Recycle** those components that cannot be repaired.

### E-Waste Materials:

- Computer Monitors
- Television Sets
- TV/VCR combos
- ...or anything else with a Cathode Ray Tube
- Computers
- CPUs
- Keyboards
- Printers
- Scanners
- ...or any other computer peripheral
- Personal Electronics
- Cell Phones
- Household Appliances



To Locate Additional Collectors/Recyclers  
Please Visit Following Website:

[www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Electronics/eRecycle/](http://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Electronics/eRecycle/)

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