

## 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% of old electronics are in storage, in part because of uncertainty of how to manage materials. Combine this with increasing advances in technology and new products headed toward 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)
- [dtsc.ca.gov/electronic-hazardous-waste](http://dtsc.ca.gov/electronic-hazardous-waste)
- [www.recyclestuff.org](http://www.recyclestuff.org)



**Did you know that  
it is illegal to throw  
away electronic  
equipment such as  
computers, TVs,  
and household  
appliances?**



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## Proper Disposal of Electronic Waste

# Local Computer Recycling & Reuse Companies

## State Certified Recycling & Collection Sites

- DG Global, Inc.  
875 Jarvis Drive  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037  
[www.dgglobal.net/index.html](http://www.dgglobal.net/index.html)  
  
408-320-1560  
8:30am - 12pm & 12:30pm-3pm  
Monday - Friday
- Pacific Coast Recycling, Inc.  
5895 Obata Way  
Gilroy, CA 95020  
  
408-848-6811  
7am-5pm | Monday - Friday  
7am-3pm | Saturday
- Staples  
1023 Cochrane Road  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037  
  
408-779-7505  
9am-8pm | Monday - Friday  
10am-7pm | Saturday  
11am-6pm | Sunday

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

To locate additional collectors and recyclers, please visit:  
[www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/electronics/erecycle](http://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/electronics/erecycle)

# 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, videogames, and fax machines are all common electronic products. Many of these 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; 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 required.

## 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



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