

E-Waste Disposal in the Corvallis Area

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Why Recycle E-Waste?

- **E-waste is the fastest growing category of waste.** Recycling saves landfill space and prolongs the life of valuable resources.
- **E-waste contains toxic materials that can be harmful to human health and the environment.** Responsible recycling helps keep these toxic chemicals from threatening people and contaminating our air, land, and water.
- **E-waste contains valuable metals.** Recycling e-waste reduces mining for these metals, saving energy and resources and reducing pollution.
- **Because it's the law.** In Oregon, many types of electronics are banned from landfills. Read on for details.

Oregon E-Cycles: It's the Law!

What is Oregon E-Cycles?

The Oregon legislature passed the Electronics Recycling Law in 2007, making it illegal to put certain items into the trash. (Anyone knowingly putting these items in the trash can be fined up to \$500 per improperly disposed of item.)

The law also established Oregon E-Cycles, a statewide recycling program funded by electronics manufacturers and coordinated by the Oregon D.E.Q.

What's covered?

The following are not allowed in landfills but are accepted for recycling at Oregon E-Cycles drop sites:

- **Computers** (both desktops and laptops)
 - **Monitors**
 - **Keyboards***
 - **Mice***
 - **Printers***
 - **TVs**
- *New as of January 1, 2015!



Oregon E-Cycles provides free recycling of up to 7 of the items listed above, total, per day. Drop sites may accept more than 7 items; check with the drop site ahead of time.

The program does not include free recycling of other types of electronics, but some collection sites may take them outside of the program. Check with the site before dropping off items.

What happens to e-cycled items?

If the product still works, it may be reused through resale or donation, depending on the location.

If the item is not reusable, it will be disassembled and recycled. Drop sites are required to use practices that meet standards for recycling, air and water pollution, worker safety and other applicable laws. They must also document where all materials are going and that all downstream vendors meet the same standards. Learn more at <http://tiny.cc/h8poqx>.



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Did you know?
Since 2009, 123 million pounds of e-waste has been recycled!
(Source: Oregon DEQ)

Oregon E-Cycles Drop Sites

Below is a list of official Oregon E-Cycles drop sites. If you recycle electronics elsewhere, we recommend you ask the site about what happens to your materials downstream and what human and environmental health standards they follow.

Benton Habitat for Humanity ReStore 
4840 SW Philomath Blvd., Corvallis
(541) 752-6637

Coffin Butte Landfill
28972 Coffin Butte Rd., Corvallis
(541) 745-5792 ext. 10

Goodwill of Albany 
1605 Pacific Blvd. SE, Albany
(541) 928-3261

Goodwill of Corvallis 
1325 NW 9th St., Corvallis
(541) 752-8278

Goodwill Donation Site, Philomath 
1555 SW 53rd St., Philomath
(503) 238-6100

Republic Services Albany Depot 
1214 Montgomery St. SE, Albany
(541) 928-2551

Republic Services Corvallis Depot 
110 NE Walnut Blvd., Corvallis
(541) 754-0444



= May accept additional types of electronics
– call or visit before dropping off items to find out what is accepted.



= Accepts some working electronics for reuse;
call or visit for details. Note that many more locations in our area accept electronics for reuse. See the Corvallis-Area Reuse Directory for more sites: <http://tiny.cc/reusedirectory>.

Note regarding computers: To prevent data theft, it is recommended that you physically destroy or use disk-wiping software on computer hard drives prior to donating or recycling. Learn how at <http://tiny.cc/gasiqx>.