

## Electronics Recycling



The best way to handle unwanted electronic products is to recycle them or donate them for reuse. The inside of this brochure lists the organizations that accept electronic products. Call ahead to confirm acceptance policies, fees, hours, and service options.

## Electronics & Hazardous Materials

Electronic equipment may contain lead, mercury, cadmium, and brominated flame retardants.

- Studies estimate that 315 to 600 million desktop and laptop computers in the U.S. will soon be obsolete.
- One report estimates that a pile of these obsolete computers would reach a mile high and cover six acres. That's the same as a 22-story pile of e-waste covering the entire 472 square miles of the City of Los Angeles.
- Discarded computers and e-waste are the fastest growing portion of our waste stream, growing almost 3 times faster than our overall municipal waste stream.

If disposed of improperly, these toxics may end up in the environment and pose a health hazard.

Read more on how Washington State is addressing the "e-waste" issue through legislation. Electronic Waste Bill Press Release: [www.wastenotwashington.org/ewastepressrelease.htm](http://www.wastenotwashington.org/ewastepressrelease.htm)

## Large Quantities of E-Waste

The two companies listed below accept many types of electronic equipment from phones to photocopiers at various rates. Call for pricing information.

### Safety-Kleen

425-775-7030 (Lynnwood)

Call for appointment

[www.safety-kleen.com](http://www.safety-kleen.com)

### Total Reclaim\*

206-343-7443

Call for appointment or stop by

2200 6th Ave S., Seattle

[www.totalreclaim.com](http://www.totalreclaim.com)

## Cell Phones



Cell phones contain hazardous materials such as antimony, cadmium, arsenic, lead, and beryllium and should never be thrown in the trash. Call your cellular service provider for take-back information. Or check out the following resources for donation or proper disposal (*this is only a partial list*):

- GRC Wireless Recycling: [www.grcrecycling.com](http://www.grcrecycling.com)
- Best Buy stores
- CollectiveGood Organization: <http://www.collectivegood.com/>

## Before You Buy... ...Get Informed!

### E-Waste Resources:

**EPA:** <http://www.epa.gov/eyycling/live.htm>

**Basal Action Network Films** [www.ban.org](http://www.ban.org):

"The Digital Dump: Exporting High-Tech Re-use and Abuse to Africa"

"Exporting Harm: The High-Tech Trashing of Asia"

**Computer Take Back Campaign & Facts:**

<http://www.computertakeback.com>

**Department of Ecology:**

<http://1800recycle.wa.gov/>

<http://www.computertakeback.com/>

[http://www.informinc.org/fact\\_cellePR.pdf](http://www.informinc.org/fact_cellePR.pdf)

**Current Legislature:** [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov)

**Take It Back Network:**

<http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/electronics/index.asp>

## The Recycling Hotline

Questions? Call the Whatcom County Recycling Hotline:

**360-676-5723**

## Whatcom County Public Works



Solid Waste Division

322 N. Commercial, Suite 220

Bellingham, WA 98225

360-676-7695

[www.co.whatcom.wa.us/publicworks/solidwaste](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/publicworks/solidwaste)

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Handling our E-Waste



REMINDER: Call the companies first to confirm materials collected, hours, and cost.

# REUSE

	Computers	Monitors	Keyboards, peripherals	Printers	MP3 players	PDA's	TVs	Micro-waves	Disposal Method
<b>3-D Corporation</b> 360-671-4906 8:30-5:30 M-F 2103 Grant St., Bellingham	YES 3 years or newer	YES 3 years or newer	YES 3 years or newer	YES 3 years or newer	NO NO	YES 2 years or newer	NO NO	NO NO	Donated or sold
<b>Community Services for the Blind &amp; Partially Sighted</b> 800-472-2244 Call to arrange pick-up <a href="mailto:whatco4h@coopext.cahe.wsu.edu">whatco4h@coopext.cahe.wsu.edu</a>	YES 2 years or newer	NO	YES 2 years or newer	YES 2 years or newer <i>One person must be able to carry</i>	YES NO	YES 2 years or newer	NO NO	NO NO	Donated
<b>Computers for Kids in Need</b> Nooksack 360-966-5777 Call first for pick-up appointment	YES	NO	YES If working	YES If working	NO	NO	NO	NO	Rebuilt and donated
<b>Data-Link West</b> 360-734-8911 Call to arrange drop-off <a href="mailto:ericej@datainkwest.com">ericej@datainkwest.com</a>	YES If working	YES If working	YES If working	YES If working	NO	YES If working	NO	NO	Parts are reused, donated to children in need, or recycled
<b>Kulshan Computer Services</b> 360-756-0915 Call to arrange pick-up or drop-off <a href="mailto:recycle@kulshan.net">recycle@kulshan.net</a>	YES 4 years or newer	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Usable parts are used to fix computers; metals recycled; sold to the RE Store
<b>Mac Media</b> M, W 1-4 T, Th 8-1 360-733-9272 1200 Dupont St., Suite 1F, Bellingham	YES Working Macs only	YES If working	YES	YES If working	NO	NO	NO	NO	Sold or donated
<b>Mobile Computer Service</b> 360-676-7501 4200 Meridian #101B, Bellingham	Pentium II and above only	YES Must be in <b>good</b> condition	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Parts reused; old computers refurbished; donated; unused leftovers recycled
<b>Northwest Computer Supplies</b> 360-734-3400 1419 Cornwall, Bellingham 8:30-6 Weekdays; 10-6 Sat <a href="mailto:ethan@nwcomputersupplies.com">ethan@nwcomputersupplies.com</a>	Pentium III or above	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Rebuild with parts; donated; non usable parts go to RE Store
<b>ReUse Works</b> 802 Marine Drive Bellingham, WA 98225 360-527-2646	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	Nonprofit job training business that collects, repairs, and sells discarded appliances
<b>Whatcomputers</b> 360-647-8222 1130 Finnegan Way, Bellingham 9-6 Weekdays & some Saturdays <a href="mailto:warren@whatcomputers.net">warren@whatcomputers.net</a>	YES	YES If working	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	Refurbished, donated to local charities, made available to those in need

# RECYCLING

	Computers	Monitors	Keyboards, peripherals	Printers	PDA's	TVs	Micro-waves	Disposal Method	
<b>The RE Store*</b> 360-647-5921 9-5 Mon-Sat; 10-5 Sun 600 W. Holly St., Bellingham <a href="mailto:restore@re-sources.org">restore@re-sources.org</a>	YES \$.45 per pound	YES \$14 per monitor	YES \$.45 per pound	YES \$.45 per pound	YES \$.45 per pound	YES Varies, call for pricing	YES \$.45 per pound	NO	Repaired and sold or shipped to Seattle for approved domestic recycling.
<b>Vanishing Act</b> 360-671-8100 Pick up service only within 5 miles of Bellingham	YES \$.55 per pound; \$40 min charge	YES \$18 each; \$40 min charge	YES \$.55 per pound; \$40 min charge	YES \$.55 per pound; \$40 min charge	YES Call for price	NO	NO	NO	Materials are taken apart and recycled

\*Participants in the Basal Action Network (BAN), pledging commitment to the proper donation and disposal of electronic waste. See <http://www.ban.org/pledge1.html> for more information.