

Electronics Recycling Guide

Why recycle electronics? It keeps harmful elements such as chromium, cadmium, lead and mercury out of the soil and water. Some components like Li-ion batteries can also explode under pressure or heat. Recycling electronics also conserves valuable and scarce resources such as copper, Col-tan, gold, palladium, and platinum in addition to saving energy and water. Please understand that not all devices can be recycled for free because material sales do not always cover processing costs, manufacturers don't always subsidize programs, and certain hazardous materials (such as leaded glass in CRTs) must be treated specifically.

Mail-in (free shipping included):

1. **Acer Brand products:** <https://portal.rlgamericas.com/TRCS/RequestMailback.aspx?f=178103>
2. **Apple Brand Products (trade-in or recycle):** 50lb limit <https://www.apple.com/shop/trade-in>
3. **Asus branded products:** <https://mailback.eridirect.com/asus>
4. **Buy Back World (trade-in)-** <http://www.buybackworld.com/>
5. **DELL branded products:** https://www.dell.com/learn/us/en/uscorp1/corporate_corp-comm_dellcorpwebpage/getfreeat-homepickup
6. **Eco-Cell:** accepts any brand of cell phone, mp3 player, iPod, tablet/e-reader and handheld gaming console and chargers/cords that come with them <https://www.eco-cell.com/>
7. **Epson Brand Products:** <https://epson.com/recycle-program>
8. **HP branded products:** <https://portal.rlgamericas.com/TRCS/RequestMailback.aspx?f=179729>
9. **Lenovo branded products:** https://www.lenovo.com/us/en/social_responsibility/sustainability/ptb_us
10. **LG, GoldStar or Zenith brand electronics (Offers mail-in electronics recycling and drop-off locator):** <http://www.lgrecyclingprogram.com/>
11. **Microsoft branded products** <https://portal.rlgamericas.com/TRCS/RequestMailback.aspx?f=180354>
12. **Motorola Branded products:** <https://www.motorola.com/us/about/recycling-us>
13. **Nintendo Device take-back:** <https://www.nintendo.com/consumer/recycle.jsp>
14. **Samsung brand products only; 50 lb. limit-** <https://www.oemtakeback.com/>
15. **Sony branded products (under 70 lbs):** <https://mailback.eridirect.com/sony>

Mail in (pay) service <https://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com/ElectronicsAndComputers.cfm>
<https://shop.eridirect.com/>

Drop-off (Free unless specified):

1. **Goodwill-** Accepts computers, monitors, e-readers/tablets, printers/scanners, and peripherals (cords/chargers/routers/mice/keyboards) **NO TV's** [Partners with Dell Reconnect to recycle electronics] <https://www.dell.com/learn/us/en/id/videos~en/documents~reconnect-motion-graphic.aspx>
2. **Staples 5 item(also accepts rechargeable batteries and printer cartridges) limit see** <https://www.staples.com/sbd/cre/marketing/sustainability-center/recycling-services/>
3. **Best Buy 2 item limit (also accepts rechargeable batteries and printer cartridges) see:** <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcmcat149900050025>
4. **Call 2 Recycle: rechargeable batteries and mobile devices** <https://www.call2recycle.org/>

Data-clearing info:

Cellphone- remove SIM card

Smartphone: remove SIM card> Do a factory reset (under settings> general) if phone can still power on

iPod Touch/iPad/iPhone: Settings>General >Reset> Erase all content and settings

Disconnect from iCloud and find my phone

Tablet: Factory Reset option

Laptop:

Windows: Start > Settings > Update & security > Recovery

Mac: Log out of iCloud, iMessage, and deauthorize computer from iTunes account

Follow steps on <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201065>

If older system, create a new account and use it to delete all other accounts:

Control Panel > User Accounts > Click on account you are deleting >Delete Account>Delete files

(All data will also be cleared or shredded by the processor)