EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

The City of Newton is a member of the Massachusetts Product Stewardship Council (*MASS***PSC**), which represents local government and private sector stakeholders to advocate for EPR policies in MA.

- Extended producer responsibility (EPR) is a policy model that integrates external costs associated with a product throughout its life cycle into the market price of the product, including disposal
- Many materials are managed with EPR laws in Europe, including e-waste, curbside recyclables (aka packaging), and pharmaceuticals



- 23 US states have electronics EPR laws— Massachusetts does not
- By placing financial responsibility of managing spent goods on manufacturers, EPR incentivizes the design of longer lasting products

PARTNERING WITH A RESPONNSIBLE RECYCLER

If you've ever seen a news story about old electronics being "recycled" by getting dumped in a developing nation, you've been concerned about where to take <u>your</u> old electronics. **Newton screens e-waste recyclers for 3rd party certification**:

- downstream outlets for circuit boards, plastics, and metals, have been independently evaluated to ensure they're being managed responsibly
- Responsible recyclers voluntarily subject themselves to expensive and rigorous screening to provide transparency
- Aside from doing the right thing, Newton could be held liable for damages if e-waste collected from residents is not properly managed.

Contact Us

newtonma.gov/recycling (617) 796-1000

recycling@newtonma.gov

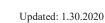
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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING



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WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT HOW I GET RID OF MY OLD ELECTRONICS (E-WASTE)?

- 1) To prevent your e-waste from being illegally dumped in a developing country
- 2) Recovering valuable metals in e-waste offsets the need for raw materials
- 3) e-waste contains toxic materials that could harm people and wildlife without proper management
- 4) Recycling e-waste is the responsible thing to do



RECYCLING OLD TVS IS THE LAW

Cathode ray tubes (CRTs) - the tubes found in nearly all TVs and computer monitor made before 2010 - have been banned from being put in the trash in Massachusetts since April 2000.

GETTING RID OF TVS/COMPUTER MONITORS IN NEWTON

- 1) TVs/monitors have a \$25 per item fee for pickup or drop-off. Pay online at www.newtonma.gov/billpay or at City Hall.
- 2) Arrange curbside collection during payment, or drop off at the Resource Recovery Center at 115 Rumford Avenue with proof of payment.
- 3) Curbside collection payments received by 10am on Friday will be picked up the following Thursday.

Why is there a fee? Proper management of TVs/monitors is expensive due to lead in tube TVs/monitors and mercury in flat panel screens.

DONATE WORKING ELECTRONICS

Goodwill

- Accepts donations of working flat panel televisions
- Accepts working and non-working home office electronics for recycling



Cristina

Foundation

Check goodwill.org for specific locations

National Cristina Foundation

- Accepts donated computers to give to people with disabilities and others at risk
- Check *cristina.org* for specific locations





Best Buy accepts TVs/monitors for \$25 each and all other e-waste at no cost. Check **bestbuy.com** for locations.



Staples accepts home office equipment, including computer monitors, at no cost. Check *staples.com* for locations.

When you choose to recycle your e-waste at these locations, it relieves Newton's cost burden to responsibly recycle residential e-waste.

RECYCLE AT THE RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER



Monday-Saturday 115 Rumford Ave. Auburndale, MA 02466 Closed during holidays and extreme weather

E-WASTE ACCEPTED AT THE RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER:

TVs/monitors—<u>with proof of payment (see left panel)</u>



Home office:

Cell phones, chargers, tablets, computers, laptops, e-readers, hard drives, mice, keyboards, printers, scanners, modems, fax machines, routers, analog phones, cables/ cords, calculators

Home entertainment:

DVD/Bluray players, VCRs, video game consoles/accessories, speakers/subwoofers, cables/cords, sound systems/stereos, radios, alarm clocks, GPS units, cable/satellite boxes



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