

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

The City of Newton is a member of the Massachusetts Product Stewardship Council (**MASSPSC**), 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



CITY OF NEWTON
SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS
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PARTNERING WITH A RESPONSIBLE 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 your 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.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Contact Us

newtonma.gov/recycling
(617) 796-1000
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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
- 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



RECYCLE AT BEST BUY & STAPLES



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—with proof of payment (see left panel)



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

