



## New Free Options for Electronics Recycling

Washington residents, small businesses, schools and charities can now recycle computers, laptops, monitors and televisions for free at authorized collection sites throughout the region in a new program paid for by electronics manufacturers. E-Cycle Washington, a result of state legislation, is an ongoing program, with no time limit for recycling old items.

**Why recycle electronics?** Many electronics contain hazardous materials such as lead, cadmium and mercury, and it is illegal to throw computers, laptops, monitors and televisions into the garbage in King County. Recycling recovers resources for use in new products and keeps the electronic waste out of the landfill. According to *Consumer Reports*, almost 90 percent of computer contents can be reused or recycled. In this new program, electronics will be recycled according to Washington State Department of Ecology's performance standards.

**What can I recycle for free?** You can recycle computers, laptops, monitors, and televisions. Peripheral items such as keyboards, mice, and printers, as well as cell phones and portable electronics are not included in the program, and there may be a charge to recycle. However, these items can be recycled at the curb by single-family residents in Bellevue who have curbside recycling.

**Who can use the program?** Residents, small businesses, schools, school districts, small governments, special purpose districts, nonprofits and charities can use this program. Small businesses are defined as having fewer than 50 employees, and nonprofits qualify if they are tax exempt under IRS code 501(c)(3).

**Can I still recycle electronics at the curb?** Yes, if you live in a single-family residence in the Bellevue service area and have curbside recycling, you may continue to recycle electronics at the curb for free. This new electronics recycling program supplements current curbside service by offering free recycling for televisions and monitors that are 24 inches or larger, which are not accepted in the curbside program. Note: Not all recycling locations are able to accept larger televisions and monitors.

**Will you continue to accept electronics at special collection events?** Electronics will be accepted during the 2009 spring and fall special collection events. Fees will be charged to recycle electronics at these events to recover event costs.

**Where can I recycle?** In Bellevue, you can recycle computers, laptops, monitors and televisions for free at

Goodwill Bellevue Park and Ride Donation Center at 2700 Bellevue Way SE  
(no TVs or monitors larger than 19", limit 3 per day)

Goodwill Bellevue Store at 14515 NE 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
(all sized accepted, limit 5 per day)

Goodwill Newport Hills Donation Center at 5115 112<sup>th</sup> Place SE  
(no TVs or monitors larger than 19", limit 3 per day)

PC Recycle at 13107 NE 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite #2  
(no limit)

For more information and a list of locations elsewhere in King County, visit [www.ecyclewashington.org](http://www.ecyclewashington.org) or call 1-800-RECYCLE.

**How many electronics can I recycle per visit?** If you need to recycle more than 10 units, please call 1-866-779-6632 to make handling arrangements.

**What about data security? What if I want to donate my computer for reuse? Where can I get more information?** For more information about the program, including options for donating reusable computers and concerns about data security, visit [www.ecyclewashington.org](http://www.ecyclewashington.org). Remember to look for the E-Cycle Washington logo at collection sites, which indicates the location is an authorized collector and has agreed to the state's high processing standards.