



# Electronics recycling

Free drop-off locations in Thurston County



## What about working electronics?

Reuse is always the best option for working electronics. Give your item new life by selling or donating it to someone else. You can take working electronics to Goodwill and Value Village stores, or list them on reuse websites like these:

- [www.2Good2Toss.com](http://www.2Good2Toss.com)
- [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)
- [www.seattle.craigslist.org](http://www.seattle.craigslist.org)

You can also donate electronics to be refurbished for schools and other non-profits. Visit [www.ecyclewashington.org](http://www.ecyclewashington.org) for more information.

## Where can I recycle electronics not covered by E-Cycle?

E-Cycle will not accept electronics like stereos, DVD and VCR players, iPods, printers, copiers, keyboards, mice, speakers, modems, and cell phones.

However, there are locations that will take these items free or for a small charge. Find a list at [www.WhereDoITakeMy.org](http://www.WhereDoITakeMy.org).



## What about personal data?

If you recycle, sell, or donate a computer, it's up to you to remove any sensitive data from your hard drive. Simply deleting the files is not enough - this will not destroy the data.



Software programs that remove data from your hard drive are available online and at electronics stores.

For further information on data security, click on the "Frequently Asked Questions" link at [www.ecyclewashington.org](http://www.ecyclewashington.org).

## Resources

**E-Cycle Washington - Department of Ecology**  
(360) 407-7157  
[www.ecyclewashington.org](http://www.ecyclewashington.org)

**Washington Materials Management and Financing Authority (WMMFA)**  
(360) 225-6222  
[www.wmmfa.net](http://www.wmmfa.net)



Thurston County Solid Waste  
9605 Tilley Road S  
Olympia, WA 98512  
(360) 867-2491

[www.ThurstonSolidWaste.org](http://www.ThurstonSolidWaste.org)



# Recycling your electronics

**W**e all know how fast technology moves – yesterday's innovation maybe obsolete by tomorrow. This means millions of pounds of unwanted electronics move through Washington State's waste stream each year. Luckily, Washington State law requires electronics manufacturers to provide **free** recycling for certain electronics through the **E-Cycle Washington** program.

## Free E-Cycle drop-off locations

### Midway Recovery Inc.

638 Durell Road SE in Olympia  
(360) 584-9162

Accepts only items covered by E-Cycle.  
Call for hours.

### Value Village Lacey

604 Sleater-Kinney Rd SE, Lacey  
(360) 923-2410

### Goodwill Lacey Donation Station

Waste & Recovery Center  
2420 Hogum Bay Road NE in Lacey  
(253) 573-1333 ext. 6710

### Goodwill Stores

Lacey Store  
1145 Galaxy Drive NE in Lacey  
(360) 413-7191

Olympia Store  
400 Cooper Point Road SW in Olympia  
(360) 956-0669

South Lacey Store  
4800 Yelm Highway SE in Lacey  
(360) 456-1800

Yelm Store  
906 Algiers Drive NE in Yelm  
(253) 573-6710

**Goodwill and Value Village also accept many working electronics.**

## Which electronics are covered?

- Televisions
- Computer CPUs (towers)
- Computer monitors
- Laptops
- Tablet computers (like iPads)
- E-readers (Kindles, Nooks, etc.)
- Portable DVD players

## Who can participate?

Recycling the items above is free for residents, non-profits, small businesses, schools, and small governments in Washington State. Visit [www.ecyclewashington.org](http://www.ecyclewashington.org) for more information about eligibility requirements.

## Where do electronics end up?

Items taken to authorized collectors are handled safely and responsibly according to standards set by Washington Materials Management and Financing Authority (WMMFA) and the Department of Ecology.

## Is this a big deal?

You bet! Proper recycling keeps people and the planet safe from the toxic materials in electronics. E-Cycle makes manufacturers accountable for taking back and responsibly managing the products they make.

Some of the materials in old electronics can be reused to make new products. This saves resources and energy, which helps our environment.

