

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY

You are solely responsible for protecting personal information stored on the hard drive of computers or printers prior to recycling. Simply deleting files and reformatting the hard drive does not guarantee that all of your data will be destroyed. A better approach is to use special disk-wiping software designed to protect sensitive data. Another option is to find a reputable vendor to remove your hard drive or do it yourself. You may destroy the hard drive by hammering a nail through it in several places or by deeply scratching the surface. Once you've secured your information, bring the drive to a professional recycler for disposal.



ELECTRONIC WASTE CERTIFIED* RECYCLERS in the Boulder County Region

These businesses are *Certified Electronics Recyclers (or use a downstream recycler that is certified).

Business	Phone	Service
1-800-GOT-JUNK	1-800-468-5865	Pick-up
Eco-Cycle	303-444-6634	Drop-off
Green Girl Recycling	303-442-7535	Pick-up
Western Disposal Services	303-444-2037	Drop-off

Other Recycling Options: Many local retailers also offer electronics recycling services. Be sure to ask how they manage end-of-life electronic equipment, where the equipment will be processed, if any components will be sent for disposal as solid waste or shipped overseas, and if they are R2 or e-Stewards certified. This information is important because of concerns about environmentally risky practices or failure to comply with applicable waste disposal regulations.

***Certified:** Certified electronics recyclers have demonstrated through audits and other means that they continually meet specific environmental standards and safely manage used electronics.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING JOBS ACT

What is the Electronic Recycling Jobs Act and how does it affect me?

Senate Bill 12-133, known as the “Electronic Recycling Jobs Act,” prohibits the disposal of waste electronic devices (e-waste) in Colorado landfills beginning July 1, 2013. This new law will have sweeping implications for consumers throughout the state, who no longer will be able to dispose of many electronics in their household trash. Industry, businesses, government agencies, institutions and schools already are subject to restrictions on disposal of electronic waste.

What devices are banned from Colorado landfills?

Waste electronic devices include televisions sets, central processing units (CPUs), computer monitors, peripherals, printers, fax machines, laptops, notebooks, ultra books, net books, electronic tablets, digital video disc (DVD) players, video cassette recorders (VCRs), radios, stereos, video game consoles and video display devices with screens greater than four inches diagonally.



Why are these materials banned from Colorado landfills?

The Electronic Recycling Jobs Act will create employment opportunities. According to the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, per ton of waste, recycling sustains 10 jobs for every landfill job. Electronic devices should be kept out of landfills and properly recycled to recover materials and reduce the energy demands from mining and manufacturing. Electronics are made from valuable resources, such as precious metals, copper, and engineered plastics, all of which require considerable energy to process and manufacture. Recycling electronics recovers valuable materials and as a result, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, saves energy, and saves resources by extracting fewer raw materials.

What devices can still be disposed of in Colorado landfills?

Appliances, non-hazardous industrial or commercial devices, motor vehicle equipment or any type of telephone may be discarded in a Colorado landfill after the ban takes effect.

Does the ban affect the entire state?

Yes, but county commissioners may vote to opt out of the ban if no infrastructure is available and if the county cannot secure a minimum of two collection events per year or a collection facility within the county.

If I can't throw these devices away, how can I dispose of them legally?

It may be possible to donate or resell working electronic devices, although even this option is becoming more difficult as some thrift stores already are restricting what they will accept. The most environmentally responsible option is recycling, through a community collection event, a manufacturer's take-back program or a reputable electronics recycling firm.

