

How do I recycle it?

- Corporate Take Back—many companies and retailers have programs that will accept your end-of-life computers. Check with your manufacturer.
- Contact a local electronics recycler. Because of the complex process of recycling e-waste, especially the lead in glass screens, please note that recyclers will probably charge a small fee, \$5-\$15, when they accept monitors and televisions. Other e-waste recycling is often free. Check out our city website for a listing. fcgov.com/ewaste

Electronic waste is a social and global issue.

Some fast facts why:

Some electronic recyclers ship e-waste to underdeveloped countries where toxic components are openly burned, soaked in acid baths and dumped into rivers, or piled into mountains of e-waste for scrap recovery. The people who handle the waste are often disadvantaged and work without safety equipment.

Ask your electronic recycler if they adhere to social and environmental standards.

City regulations ban the disposal of electronic waste.



For more information go to
fcgov.com/ewaste

Or call Sustainability Services 221-6600

**Electronic Waste and Landfills Don't Mix,
Please Recycle your e-waste!**



eWaste
NOT FOR LANDFILLS!

E-Waste is E-everyone's Responsibility

- What is e-waste?
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What is e-waste?

It's electronic equipment that is obsolete or no longer working.

- Televisions or monitors
- Computers
- Stereo equipment
- VCRs, DVD players
- Video cameras
- Telephones
- Cell phones
- Fax and copy machines
- Wireless devices
- Video game consoles



City Ordinance Bans Household E-Waste

The City of Fort Collins is a city that cares for its community's public health and natural environment. Disposing of electronic waste in the waste stream is prohibited. Electronics contain substantial amounts of toxic materials that have the potential to leach out of the machines and into the soil and groundwater when they are buried in a landfill.

Why is it bad for the environment?

- Electronic equipment contains hazardous materials such as lead, mercury and brominated flame retardants.
- Glass monitors and television screens contain about 8 lbs. of lead!
- Circuit boards contain heavy metals that leach out into the environment and affect our public health and natural resources, but when recycled, can help in the manufacture new electronics.
- 50 million computers and monitors and 130 million cell phones are thrown away each year in the United States. That's a lot of equipment!

Fort Collins is one of the first municipalities in the country to ban e-waste from the City's waste stream. The City strives to provide accurate information and education to the community on recycling and environmental issues.