

E-Cycle Washington Profile



A Manufacturer-Funded Solution for Recycling TVs, Computers and Monitors

E-Cycle Washington was launched in January 2009 to ensure that computers, monitors and TVs – which contain toxic materials like lead, cadmium and mercury, – are safely handled and valuable resources are recycled and reused.

E-Cycle Washington is a result of landmark legislation passed in 2006 by Washington State that requires manufacturers of computers, monitors and TVs to provide recycling services free of charge to Washington residents, schools, small businesses, small governments and charities.

E-Cycle Washington —

Convenient: Grays Harbor, Pacific, Wahkiakum and Cowlitz Counties now have seven E-Cycle Washington drop off locations. 240 sites are available state-wide.

Free of Charge: Washington residents, schools, small businesses, small governments and charities can recycle their computers, monitors and TVs at no cost.

Effective: Across the state 2,200 units are collected on average each day. *Nearly 38.5 million pounds were recycled in 2009.*

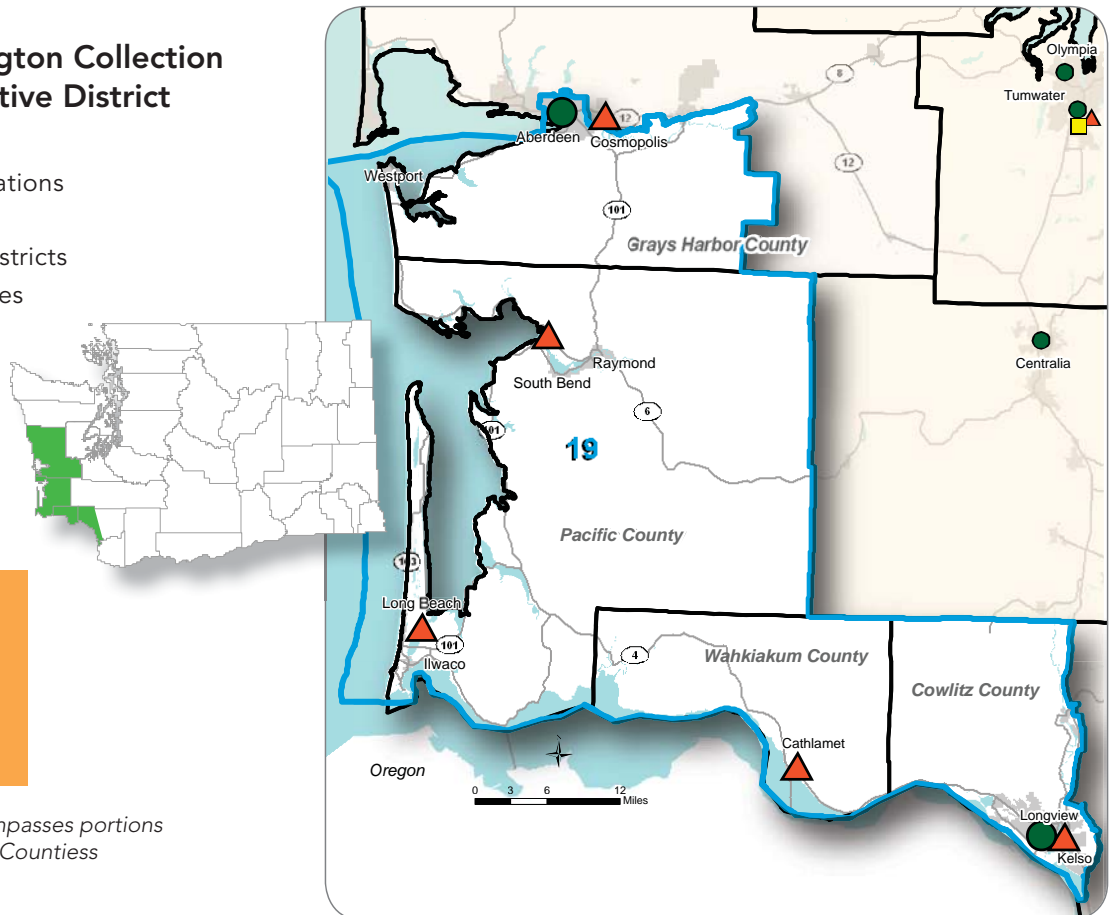
Good for Businesses: Some local businesses have expanded to accept electronics and have added additional green jobs. All of the collection sites in District 19 are run by local businesses and charities.



District 19 Collection Sites

E-Cycle Washington Collection Sites by Legislative District

- Private Business
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Government
- State Legislative Districts
- Washington Counties
- Cities



To find an E-Cycle Washington recycling location near you visit ECycleWashington.org or call 1-800-RECYCLE.

Legislative District 19 encompasses portions of Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties



2008: BEFORE E-Cycle Washington	2009: AFTER E-Cycle Washington
0 collection sites	7 E-Cycle Washington sites
\$.35 to \$.50 per pound	No charge! Recycling costs paid by electronics manufacturers
99,820 lbs ¹ recycled	801,639 lbs ² recycled

1 Includes all types of electronics products from both businesses and residents in the four-County area for all of 2008.

2 Includes only TVs, computers and monitors for the four-County area recycled in 2009.

Good for Business and the Environment

E-Cycle Washington helps reduce illegal dumping of electronic equipment and keep toxic materials out of landfills, incinerators and our environment. Statewide, more than **2.6 million pounds of lead** were recycled in 2009.

Producer Financed, Shared Responsibility

E-Cycle Washington is an example of "product stewardship" where all stakeholders contribute to a successful program:

Manufacturers (product producers) work together in groups or independently to provide convenient recycling programs and to pay for the collection and recycling of computers, monitors and TVs. And because manufacturers internalize the costs of recycling into their products, they have built in incentive to keep the costs of the recycling program low.

Government agencies help advertise the program and the Washington Department of Ecology ensures environmentally sound recycling.

Collectors provide convenient collection services and include retail stores, businesses, local governments, thrift stores and curbside collectors. Statewide, there are 82 private companies and 141 charities that collect electronics and save money by participating in E-Cycle Washington. There are only 17 government-run collection sites.

Consumers do their part by bringing unwanted products to collection sites for recycling.

"This program has reduced illegal dumping tremendously. People really had no convenient options before E-Cycle Washington. When people hear about the program they love it and get excited."

— Cindy Sturgill,
 Warehouse Manager,
 Salvation Army, Aberdeen, WA



For more information about how you can support product stewardship initiatives, contact the Northwest Product Stewardship Council coordinator at (206) 723-0528 or via email at: info@productstewardship.net