

# 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:** Pierce and Thurston Counties now have 43 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:** Many local businesses are expanding to accept electronics and adding additional green jobs. Forty-one of the 43 E-Cycle collection sites in the two-county area are run by businesses and charities.



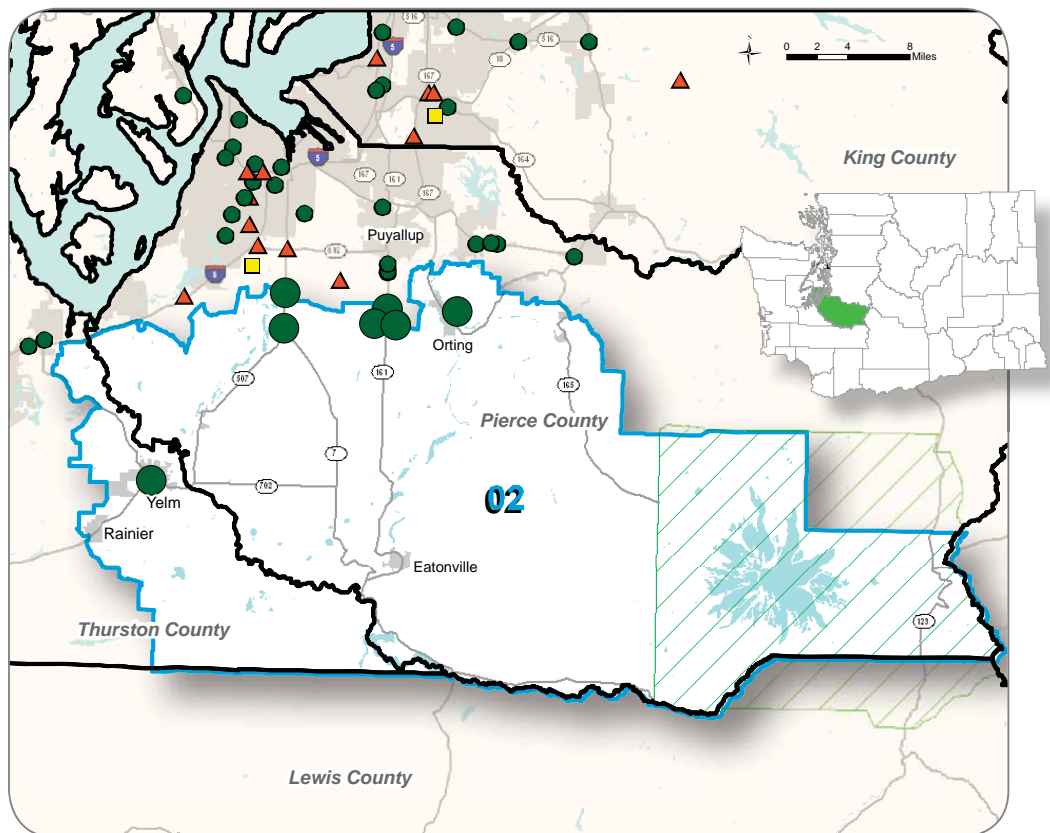
## District 2 Collection Sites

### 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](http://ECycleWashington.org) or call 1-800-RECYCLE.

Legislative District 2 encompasses portions of Pierce and Thurston Counties



2008: BEFORE E-Cycle Washington	2009: AFTER E-Cycle Washington
12 collection sites	43 E-Cycle Washington sites
\$.35 to \$.50 per pound	<b>No charge!</b> Recycling costs paid by electronics manufacturers
3,774,400 lbs <sup>1</sup> recycled (all 2008)	5,912,995 lbs <sup>2</sup> recycled

1 Includes all types of electronics products from both businesses and residents in Pierce and Thurston Counties for all of 2008.

2 Includes only TVs, computers and monitors from Pierce and Thurston Counties recycled in 2009.

## Good for Business and the Environment

E-Cycle Washington helps reduce illegal dumping of electronic equipment and keeps 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 a 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.



*"Our company saves money because we no longer have to haul the used electronics to be recycled. E-cycle Washington pays us to collect the equipment, then picks it up from us and delivers it to the processing facility."*

*David Dressel,  
Owner, Oakland Radio and TV,  
Tacoma*

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](mailto:info@productstewardship.net)