

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: Clark County has 17 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. All of the collection sites in District 49 are run by local businesses and charities.



District 49 Collection Sites

E-Cycle Washington Collection Sites by Legislative District

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



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



2008: BEFORE E-Cycle Washington	2009: AFTER E-Cycle Washington
4 collection sites	17 E-Cycle Washington sites
No charge for Clark County residents (Government funded)	No charge at E-Cycle Washington sites (Manufacturer funded)
289,137 lbs ¹ recycled (all 2008)	1,631,456 lbs ² recycled

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

2 Includes only TVs, computers and monitors for the Clark County area 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 from January through November, 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, including 96 Goodwill sites, 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.



"The E-Cycle Washington program was one of the decisive factors for opening and maintaining our facility as the premier electronics processor in the Pacific Northwest. We employ approximately 45 people in our Vancouver operation, and continue to see large increases in volumes of electronic waste brought in for environmentally and eco-friendly electronics recycling."

– David Palenshus,
 Operations Manager, IMS Electronics
 Recycling for Washington / Oregon

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