

Snohomish County 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: Snohomish County now has 18 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 each day on average. *Nearly 38.5 million pounds were recycled in 2009.*

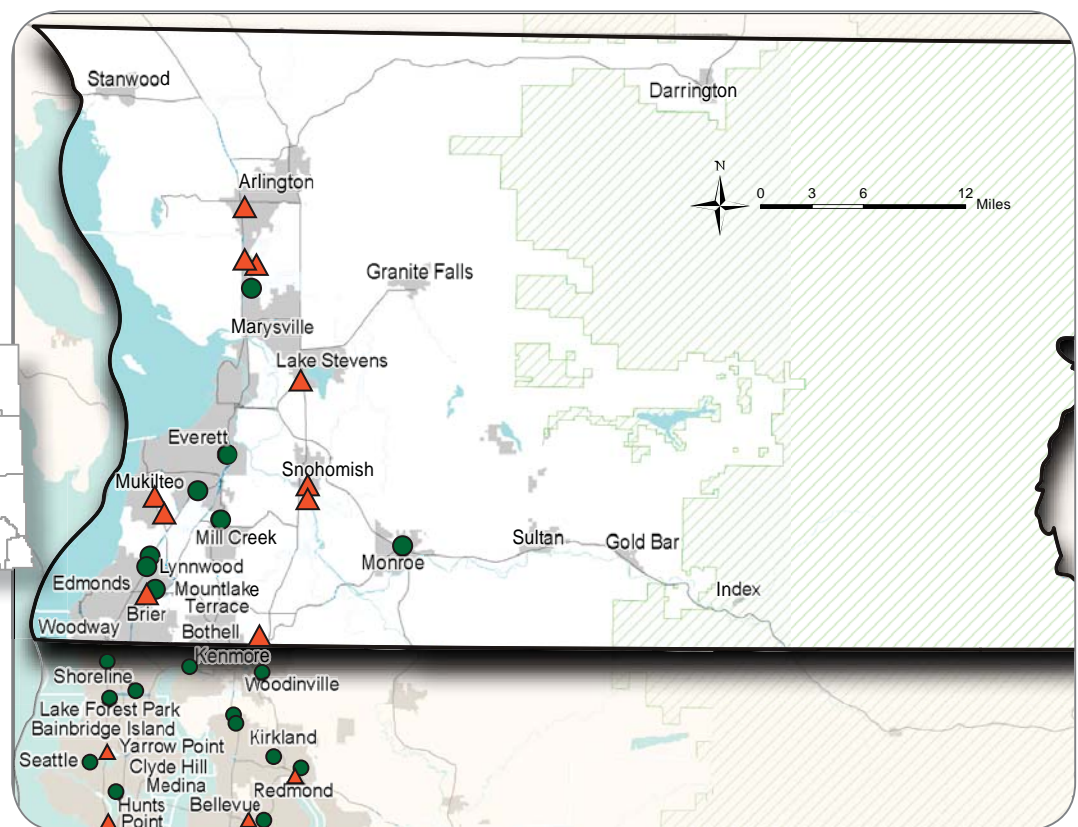
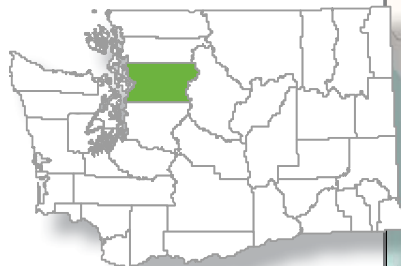
Good for Businesses: Some local businesses have expanded to accept electronics and have added additional green jobs. There are no government run collection sites in Snohomish County.



Snohomish County Collection Sites

E-Cycle Washington Collection Sites

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



Snohomish County E-Cycle Washington Collection Sites

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
18 collection sites	18 E-Cycle Washington Sites (plus 6 non-participating sites)
\$8 - \$50+ recycle fee	No charge! Recycling costs paid by electronics manufacturers.
2,951,760 lbs ¹ recycled (all 2008)	5,495,051 lbs ² recycled (2009)

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

2 Includes only TVs, computers and monitors from Snohomish County 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. 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.



The E-Cycle Washington program has been a complete success for both our business and the local community. Thanks to the E-Cycle program we were able to create much needed jobs locally as well as provide environmental stewardship by saving over a million pounds of dangerous electronic waste from reaching our landfills. We are proud to be part of this groundbreaking program and hope that it becomes a model for the future of recycling and environmental sustainability.

– Elcid Choi, VP Operations,
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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