

Legislative Districts 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9 – Spokane 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: Spokane County now 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: Some local businesses have expanded to accept electronics and have added additional green jobs. All of the collection sites in Spokane County are run by businesses and charities rather than by government agencies.



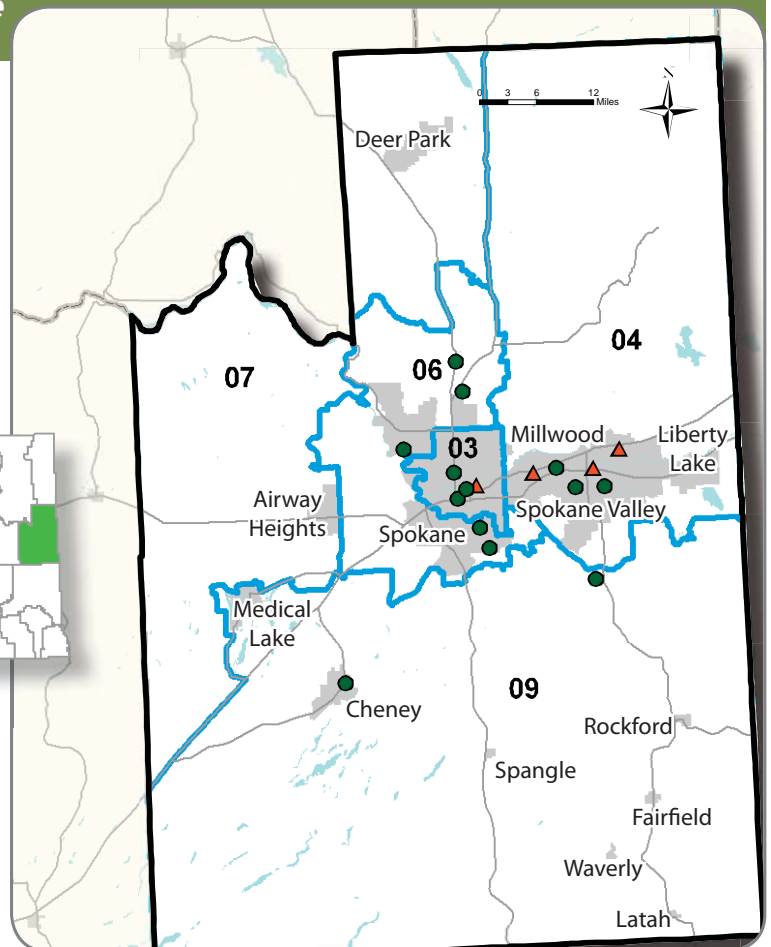
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E-Cycle Washington Collection Sites by Legislative District

-  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
7 collection sites	17 E-Cycle Washington sites
Up to \$50 per item	No charge! Recycling costs paid by electronics manufacturers.
933,060 lbs ¹ recycled (all 2008)	1,702,177 lbs ² recycled

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

2 Includes only TVs, computers and monitors from Spokane 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. 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.



“E-Cycle Washington has allowed Goodwill to reduce costly disposal fees, which is so important for a nonprofit. In the first six months alone we saved \$28,000 in disposal costs, which we could use instead in support of our mission services. We receive many comments about what a great program this is--donors say they feel good about recycling responsibly.”

*– John Stine,
Transportation Manager,
Spokane Goodwill*

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