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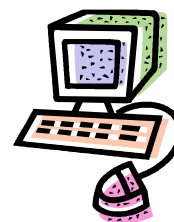


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COMPUTERS – REUSE, RECYCLING, DISPOSAL

WHAT IS HAZARDOUS ABOUT COMPUTERS?

Computer monitors contain lead and require special handling at the end of their lives. In addition, electronics can contain a variety of other heavy metals and flame retardant chemicals. When not disposed of or recycled properly, these toxic materials can present health problems, including kidney failure, certain kinds of cancer, and blood disorders.



As we become more dependent on electronic products, the stockpile of used and obsolete products grows, and the more intentional we must be regarding safe disposal.

DONATE OR RECYCLE UNWANTED COMPUTERS

What should we do with all the computers we don't want anymore?

- Extend the life of your computers by upgrading systems instead of replacing them;
- Donate working electronics to local organizations to save money, save valuable resources, and help others in the community.
- Safely recycle outdated computers and peripherals to promote the safe management of hazardous components and support the recovery and reuse of valuable materials.

LOCAL DONATION & REUSE

Several organizations offer options for refurbishing and reuse of computers. **Please call** the organizations to ensure the equipment meets specifications for donation.

Organization	Contact	Phone Number	Restrictions
Lincoln Public Schools	Dale Strehle	436-1012	Pentium IV or better
Catholic Diocese of Lincoln	Ken Pinkerton	488-2040 x.321 ken-pinkerton@cdolinc.net	Pentium IV or better no CRT monitors or printers
Lincoln Action Program	Dimitriey	471-4515	Any okay
Family Thrift Center		476-2857	Working
Good Neighbor Comm. Ctr	Sheila	477-4173	Working, <5 yrs. old

LOCAL RECYCLING & DISPOSAL

If a computer cannot be reused, these businesses recycle computers and various peripherals. Call first to check acceptance policies and fees.

Business	Address	Contact Info	Comments
A&J Recycling	3250 N 20 St.	438-3684	Fees for monitors
Best Buy	400 N. 48 St.	464-1820	Remove hard drives
Geek to the Rescue	1371 S. 33 St.	435-4335	Call first
Office Depot	333 N. 50 St.	466-3443	Buy boxes to fill with electronics, return for shipping
Schrock Innovations	2801 Pine Lake, Ste A	423-9595	Fee for monitors
Secure Recyclers*	3730 N. 56 St.	805-0065	Call first, fees
Star City Recycling*		890-4320	Free to current customers; others call for pick-up fees
Recycling Enterprises		421-6655	Customers only - call
Techware Recycling*	1835 W. "O" St.	499-3103	Fees vary
Keep Nebraska Beautiful Materials Exchange Program		http://www.knb.org/exchange.html	Post electronics for sale on web

* WILL ACCEPT TVS – FEES VARY

NATIONAL RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OPTIONS

- Some computer manufacturers offer mail-in recycling options for computers - Hewlett Packard, Dell, IBM, Gateway, and Apple provide options for a fee. Check their websites.
- Check out Earth911.org to search by city or state for places to recycle or donate.

For more information, contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8021 or www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: household).



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