

E-Waste Disposal Ban In Effect

We all know that it's important to recycle. Recycling conserves materials, saves energy, saves money and reduces pollutants in our communities and environment. This is particularly true of electronics, which often contain heavy metals and other particularly nasty and persistent pollutants as well as a variety of reusable components and materials.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2010, it is unlawful to dispose of computers, monitors or televisions in the garbage or at disposal sites such as landfills, transfer stations and incinerators.

This disposal ban is part of the same legislation that created Oregon E-Cycles, which provides free recycling of computers, monitors and TVs at any of the program's 220 collection sites statewide. The law states that anyone violating the ban could receive a penalty of up to \$500 for each violation. Each computer, monitor or TV disposed of improperly is considered a separate violation.

Visit www.oregonrecycles.org to find a conveniently located collection site or call the toll-free hotline at 1-888-5-ECYCLE (1-888-532-9253). The following collection sites can be found here in Troutdale:

Troutdale Transfer Station

869 NW Eastwind Dr

Goodwill

Cherry Park Market Center
2501 SW Cherry Park Rd

Goodwill

Troutdale Plaza (former
Thriftway)
26942 SE Stark Street

Neither the ban nor Oregon E-Cycles covers computer peripherals (keyboards, mice, etc.) or other types of electronics, but you are encouraged to recycle these items as well. You can find a partial list of other electronics recyclers on the Oregon E-Cycles website.