



F A C T S H E E T COMPUTER REUSE & RECYCLING

City of Ann Arbor, Michigan (734) 994-2807 – www.a2gov.org

A study by the National Safety Council found that three-quarters of all computers purchased in the United States are sitting in storerooms, attics, garages and basements. Most likely, you've got an old monitor or obsolete computer lying around somewhere at your home or office. What should you do with it? **Recycle it!**

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency:

"...each used computer monitor and television screen—can release 3-8 pounds of lead, which has been demonstrated to cause brain damage particularly when exposed to children. EPA estimates that discarded CRTs (monitors and televisions) contribute at least 40% of the known lead in U.S. landfills. Cadmium, mercury, chromium and hazardous flame-retardants are other toxic chemicals typically found (in electronics)."

Computers and related electronic equipment also contain substances such as glass, plastics and certain chemical compounds that are highly recoverable, recyclable, and reusable. In Ann Arbor, computer monitors and televisions are not accepted for landfill collection. Please use the following resources to properly dispose of your old electronics.

LOCAL COMPUTER MONITOR & TELEVISION RECYCLING OPTIONS

Washtenaw County Drop-Off Station, 2950 E. Ellsworth Rd, Ann Arbor (734) 971-7400 Operated by Recycle Ann Arbor www.recycleannarbor.org Accepts computers and televisions for recycling at variable fees: \$10/each monitor/TV up to 25 inches; \$20/each monitor/TV over 25 inches; \$5/each computer processing unit (CPU); \$10/printer, etc. Will provide a recycling certification receipt upon request.

Washtenaw County Computer Recycling Information and Outlets

http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/planning_environment/dpw/computer1.html

Electronics Industries Alliance Consumer Education Initiative

<http://www.eiae.org/> (703) 907-7500 *National web database of computer and electronics donation centers and recyclers.*

ANN ARBOR AREA LOCATIONS FOR COMPUTER DONATIONS

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor www.aakiwanis.org 200 S. First St., Ann Arbor (734) 665-2211
Accepts working computer donations on Saturdays from 9-11:30 of Power Macs, 486 Pentium or equivalent and greater than 25 MHz. Will provide a tax deduction receipt

Recycle Ann Arbor-Reuse Center www.recycleannarbor.org 2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor (734) 662-6288. *Accepts donations of Pentium 1 or newer and Power Mac Performa or newer. Will provide a tax deduction receipt.*

www.ScrapComputer.com 7185 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 769-0705 (unaudited)

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/LOCATIONS FOR COMPUTER DONATIONS

National Cristina Foundation <http://www.cristina.org> (203) 863-9100
Matches Pentium and higher PCs and certain Apple models with area nonprofits and arranges for pickup or shipping. The system must have a hard drive, monitor, keyboard, and mouse. Will provide a tax deduction receipt.

Another Byte <http://www.recycles.org/forms/ddb-add.htm> Nonprofit Recycling & Reuse Network: A Resource Center for Nonprofit Organizations Worldwide

National Safety Council <http://www.nsc.org/ehc/epr2.htm> Click on Electronic Equipment Recycling List and then Michigan for a list of computer and other electronic recyclers in Michigan

MANUFACTURER-SPONSORED COMPUTER RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Dell Recycling <http://dellexchange.com> 1-800-WWW-DELL Provides an online pre-paid collection for most computers and peripherals for \$15 per each 50-pound box. Also offers option receive tax deduction and Dell rebate to computers donated to local nonprofits connected to the National Cristina Foundation (listed above).

Gateway <http://www.gateway.com/hom/programs/recycle.shtml>
800-GATEWAY Awards \$25- \$50 in rebates on your purchase of a new Gateway PC when you provide proof of recycling or donating your old PC (most brands) at a location of your choice. Request a free recycling/donation mail back confirmation form at the time of purchase to be included in your new order shipment.

Hewlett-Packard Computer Recycling <https://warp1.external.hp.com/recycle> 208-472-3494 dial option 2; option 4. Provides pre-paid mailing labels to ship and recycle most brands of PC computers and peripherals. Sample prices are \$29/monitor; \$21/CPU; \$21/scanner, etc.

IBM PC Recycling Network

<http://www.ibm.com/ibm/environment/products/pcservice.shtml>
(888) SHOP-IBM Provides pre-paid mailing labels for \$29.99 for each box of any brand computer systems or peripherals up to 26x26x26 inches up to 69 pounds per box. The system will then be recycled or considered for refurbishing to be donated to Gifts in Kind International (GIKI). If requested, IBM will provide a receipt of the equipment for recycling or donation.