EXCEL AT E-CYCLING

WHAT TO DO WITH UNWANTED ELECTRONICS



E-CYCLE WISCONSIN

THE FOLLOWING ELECTRONICS ARE BANNED FROM THE TRASH:

- TELEVISIONS
- COMPUTERS, INCLUDING DESKTOPS, LAPTOPS AND TABLETS
- COMPUTER MONITORS
- DESKTOP PRINTERS
- OTHER COMPUTER ACCESSORIES
- E-READERS
- DVD PLAYERS, VCRS, DVRS AND OTHER VIDEO PLAYERS
- CELLPHONES
- FAX MACHINES

There are several things to keep in mind when recycling electronics in Wisconsin:

- Electronics should not go in your recycling cart. The facilities that recycle them are different than the ones for curbside recyclables.
- Batteries found in many electronics can spark and cause a fire in your recycling bin or garbage can, especially if the battery is swollen or damaged.
- Be sure to wipe your data from devices such as computers, tablets and cellphones.
- Ask questions about where your electronics are going and how they are handled. There may be a fee to recycle some electronics, especially TVs and monitors.

RESOURCES:

The DNR maintains a list of electronics collection sites and mail-back programs. Go to **dnr.wi.gov** and search **"ecycle."**

The nonprofit organization Call2Recycle has a list of battery recycling sites: **www.call2recycle.org**.

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HELPFUL TIPS FOR RECYCLING IN WISCONSIN



THE FOLLOWING RECYCLABLES ARE REQUIRED TO BE COLLECTED BY ALL CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAMS OR DROP-OFF LOCATIONS IN THE STATE:

- ALUMINUM CONTAINERS
- GLASS CONTAINERS
- STEEL, TIN AND BI-METAL CONTAINERS
- NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES AND OTHER MATERIALS PRINTED ON SIMILAR PAPER
- CORRUGATED CARDBOARD AND OTHER CONTAINER BOARD
- #1 AND #2 PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JARS SUCH AS MILK JUGS, LAUNDRY DETERGENT BOTTLES, SODA AND WATER BOTTLES

Check with your local recycling program or hauler for an exact list of what they accept — many take additional materials. Contamination is a big issue reported by Wisconsin recycling facilities. Following best practices and keeping out unwanted materials really helps! If in doubt, throw it out.



These materials should not go in the recycling:

- Loose plastic bags
- "Tanglers" such as cords, hoses, light strings, ropes and wires
- Needles/sharps
- Propane cylinders
- Clothing/textiles
- Personal protective equipment such as masks, gloves and disinfectant wipes

Additional tips:

- Break down shipping and food boxes
- Rinse containers and cans
- Keep recyclables dry and clean
- Put items in the recycling bin or dumpster, not alongside
- DO NOT PUT ITEMS IN PLASTIC BAGS

RESOURCES:

- For a full list of materials banned from the trash, go to **dnr.wi.gov** and search **"what to recycle."**
- For a DNR map of sharps collection sites, go to **dnr.wi.gov** and search **"sharps."**
- For sites to recycle materials that should not go in your cart, check the Wisconsin Recycling Markets Directory: **WisconsinRecyclingDirectory.com**.