



NY State Electronic Waste Law Fact Sheet

New York's "Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse" legislation was passed on May 28, 2010, to become the Nation's 23rd electronic waste product stewardship law, and one of the most progressive. The law will take effect January 1, 2011, when registrations are due. On April 1, 2011, manufacturers will have programs in place to conveniently collect their used electronics from consumers across the state.

The New York State E-Waste Law:

- Creates a statewide, manufacturer-sponsored recycling program for a broad range of electronic products
- Uses a market-based approach, allowing manufacturers to establish efficient, cost-effective collection, reuse and recycling of electronic waste
- Sets a statewide e-waste recycling goal
- Creates incentives for surpassing the goal
- Sets basic operating requirements for recyclers, collectors and consolidators
- Relieves local governments from the financial burden of e-waste handling
- Zero fee to consumers upon acceptance of their covered electronic equipment

Manufacturers must:

- Provide reasonably convenient collection
- Accept their own brand
- Accept one item of the same type for every one they sell
- Recycle their share of the statewide recycling goal

Covers:

- Desktop and laptop computers and peripherals (monitors, keyboards, printers,

scanners, fax machines); small scale servers; televisions; small electronic equipment (VCRs, DVD players, portable digital music players, game consoles). (For a complete list, please visit: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/65583.html)

Acceptance methods:

- Mail or ship back
- Community collection events
- Fixed acceptance sites
- Agreements with local governments or others; or any combination of above
- At least one acceptance method reasonably convenient to consumers for each county, and each municipality with a population of 10,000 or more

Further Resources:

- The New York State E-Waste Law, and guidance for municipalities, e-waste handlers and manufacturers: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/65583.html
- General information and press: www.nypsc.org/content/e-waste
- Electronics TakeBack Coalition: www.electronicstakeback.com

The New York Product Stewardship Council (NYPSC) was formed in March 2009 by the New York State Association for Solid Waste Management to promote product stewardship throughout the State, and address the critical need for waste reduction. We are the seventh council to be formed in North America.

The NYPSC: Promoting Product Stewardship throughout New York State

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