

NEW ELECTRONICS RECYCLING LAW

Wisconsin's electronics recycling law was signed by Governor Doyle in October 2009 as Act 50. The law establishes a statewide program, now called the *E-Cycle Wisconsin* program, to collect and recycle certain electronic devices. It is based on a product stewardship approach, which assigns primary responsibility for collection and recycling to the manufacturer. The law also bans certain electronics from Wisconsin landfills and incinerators starting on *September 1, 2010*.

WHO DOES THE LAW AFFECT? All Wisconsin residents are affected by a prohibition on disposing of designated electronics in a landfill or incinerator after September 1, 2010. Wisconsin's electronics recycling law covers electronics sold to/used by Wisconsin households and K-12 public schools. Electronic devices include:

1. Televisions
2. Computers (desktop, laptop, netbooks & tablet)
3. Printers (including those that scan, fax and/or copy)
4. Computer Monitors
5. Computer peripherals including hard drives, scanners, speakers, flash drives, external modems, mice and keyboards
6. DVD players, VCRs and DVRs, and other video players
7. Video display devices of at least 7" long in the longest diagonal dimension
8. Fax machines
9. Cell phones

Electronic recycling collectors in the Washington County area include:

St. Vincent de Paul Store, 31 N. Main Street, Hartford (262-673-6980)

St. Vincent de Paul Store, 445 E. Washington St., Slinger (262-644-4949)

Goodwill Store, 1717 Clarence Court in West Bend off of Paradise Drive (262-335-2053)

Best Buy, N95 W15915 Richfield Way, Menomonee Falls (262) 255-2972

Veolia Transfer Station, 803 N. River Road in West Bend (262) 334-5618

Residents are encouraged to contact the collector before taking electronics to a site. Some collectors may charge fees and may not accept all devices.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY ELECTRONICS? Electronics recyclers registered with E-Cycle Wisconsin must comply with state and federal disposal regulations that ensure environmental safety. Recyclers will break down your electronics, reuse or recycle safe materials, and properly manage hazardous chemicals or wastes. For more information on E-Cycle Wisconsin, visit the DNR website at: www.dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin.