

What is the Electronic Product Recycling Program?

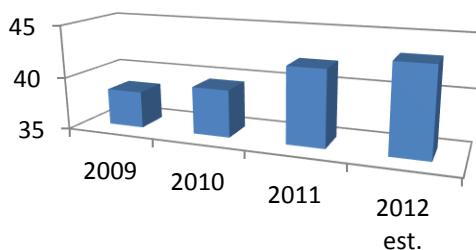
In 2006, the Washington State Legislature passed the Electronic Product Recycling Act (chapter 70.95N RCW). It requires manufacturers of televisions, computers, and monitors to provide a system for collection, transportation, and recycling of those products throughout the state. The system must be free of charge, convenient, safe, and environmentally sound. Manufacturers made **E-Cycle Washington** available at no cost to households, small businesses, charities, school districts, and small governments beginning January 1, 2009.

To see a copy of the law, go to <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.95N&full=true>.

What has E-Cycle Washington accomplished so far?

In the nearly four years since the program began, E-Cycle Washington has succeeded in recycling over 40,000,000 pounds of electronics per year, on average, for a total of over 163,000,000 pounds.

Pounds Recycled (millions)



- Washington recycled 6.2 pounds of electronics per person in 2011. The second highest rate in the U.S. among states with similar programs.
- The statewide collection network has steadily expanded to over 320 sites.
- Approximately 80 jobs were created in Washington's recycling industry as a result of the E-Cycle Washington program.

MORE INFORMATION

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Focus on E-Cycle Washington

- The Department of Ecology (Ecology) estimates that over 900,000 TVs, computers, and monitors are recycled each year through E-Cycle Washington.
- From 2009-2011 over 85,000 working TVs, computers, and monitors collected through E-Cycle Washington were sold or donated by charity organizations participating in the program.
- In 2011, tablet computers and E-readers were added to the list of products eligible for free recycling.

Where do I recycle my electronics?

Free drop-off locations for recycling electronics are available throughout Washington to households, small businesses, charities, school districts, and small governments. Collection sites are available in every city with a population of 10,000 or more and at least one site in every county. To find collection sites in your area, go to <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/recycle/> or call 1-800-RECYCLE.

What's next?

Ecology and the manufacturers' organization (the Washington Materials Management & Financing Authority) continue to promote E-Cycle Washington through a variety of methods. Outreach and education to consumers, schools, small businesses, small governments, and charities has been key to the success of the program as evidenced by the increasing volumes each year.

Some of the publicity and education efforts include:

- Television, radio, internet, city bus, and newspaper ads
- Roadside billboard promotion
- Articles or ads in newsletters for schools, businesses, and other organizations
- Coordination with local governments and charities to promote free e-cycling
- Ecology "wrapped" an agency car with temporary decals to promote E-Cycle Washington on the road
- Participation in public fairs and events



A January 2012 billboard on I-5 near the Tacoma Dome raised public awareness about free recycling for electronics through E-Cycle Washington.