

Chapter 173-900 WAC

Electronic Products Recycling Program

The Department of Ecology proposes to amend Chapter 173-900 WAC, Electronic Products Recycling Program. The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on November 4, 2015.

What is the purpose of this rule proposal?

The purpose of this proposal is to revise the rules for the Electronic Products Recycling Program to address changes made by the 2013 Legislature to the underlying law (RCW 70.95N).

The rule proposes using a market-share (current sales) based system to determine each manufacturer's responsibility to the program, and ultimately, the fees manufacturers are responsible for paying to the stewardship organization.

The rule expands the reporting requirements for organizations operating recycling programs for electronic products to include:

- An estimate of each type of material recovered from the recycling of electronics including:
 - Cathode ray tube glass
 - Circuit boards
 - Batteries
 - Mercury-containing devices
 - Plastics
 - Metals
- An estimate of the weight of all collected products that are ultimately reused, recycled, or end up as residual waste that is disposed.
- A description of program revenues and costs for education and promotional efforts, collection, transportation, processing and labor, and program administration.
- A description of the methods used to collect, transport and process covered products.
- Clarifying that retailers of covered electronic products must provide take-home information on electronics recycling. Posting a sign at the checkout stand does not meet the requirement.

WHY IT MATTERS

Find out how Washington recycles 20,000 tons of electronic products every year! Visit our web pages at www.ecyclewashington.org.

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Rule Proposal Notice

What documents are available for review and comment?

The following documents are now available for review and comment:

- Proposed rule language.
- Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) and Environmental Checklist under the State Environmental Policy Act.
- Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS).
- Preliminary Cost-Benefit and Least Burdensome Alternative Analyses.

To download these documents visit:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/rules/wac173900/1503time.html>

Public Comment period

You can submit comments on this proposal through December 10, 2015. You can give us your official comments in the following ways:

1. Testify or submit written comments at the public hearing.
2. Email your comments to: w2rrulemaking@ecy.wa.gov.
3. Mail comments to:
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Public hearing schedule

A public hearing on the proposed rule amendments will be held at the Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Dr. SE in Lacey, WA beginning at 2:00 PM on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

Expected adoption date

Ecology expects to adopt this rule no earlier than February 16, 2016

Ecology's response to your comments

All of the comments we receive will become part of the official record. We will publish responses to comments in a document called a Concise Explanatory Statement (CES). The CES is required by the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05) and is available after the rule is adopted. You will find your name listed in the document with a reference to where, in the document, Ecology responded your comments.