

GIVE YOUR OLD ELECTRONICS NEW LIFE

Over a million electronic devices become obsolete every year. Don't throw away your old electronics. They contain valuable materials that can be recycled.



What electronics can be recycled?

Cell phones, computers, TVs, monitors, printers, external hard drives, e-readers, tablets, DVD players, and many more. Check with the recycler or collection site for a full list of acceptable items.

RECYCLING & DONATION OPTIONS



Visit an electronics retailer

Many national electronics retailers offer recycling in their stores via drop-off bins or when you purchase new items.



Attend a collection event

Communities often host electronics collection events or offer year-round access to drop-off sites. Some of them are funded by EGLE. Find one near you at Michigan.gov/RecyclingDirectory.



Contact the manufacturer

By law electronics manufacturers are required to offer free and convenient recycling options to Michigan residents. They often fill this obligation by offering free mail-back programs to their customers. Find the list of manufacturer programs at Michigan.gov/EGLEewaste.



Donate or resell your electronics

Relatively new devices can be donated or resold. Many retailers and websites offer trade-in or buy-back programs for smartphones, tablets and cameras.

Manufacturers of electronics sold in Michigan are required to register with EGLE. They support electronics recycling infrastructure which is serviced by EGLE inspected electronic recyclers.



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PREPARE YOUR ELECTRONICS FOR RECYCLING OR DONATION

Always verify the electronics accepted at the collection event or drop-off site. Not all electronics are created equal.

Delete sensitive information prior to donating or recycling. Check with the device manufacturer or an electronics retailers for specific instructions. Software is also available online to wipe hard drives.

Ask the recycler questions to make sure your electronics will be properly recycled. They should be able to explain how they handle materials, the percentage they recycle or reuse, and where they go once they leave their facility.

Verify if there is a recycling fee. Michigan law states recycling is free, however it only applies if the device is returned to the manufacturer. There are costs associated with operating collection sites.

Learn more about the
EGLE Electronic Waste Takeback program
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