

Electronics recycling: four reasons why you should make it a habit

If you were standing in your home holding an empty pop can, would you toss it in the trash? Probably not - we all know these items belong in the recycling bin. But what about old and unwanted electronic items like computers, stereos, and cell phones? These should be recycled too, and it's important to start making it a habit. Here are a few reasons why:



Recyclable materials – Just like cans and bottles, electronic waste contains useful base materials, such as plastic, metals and glass that can easily be recycled into new products. Recovering these raw materials minimizes the need for new resources and ensures we are not filling our landfill with materials that can be used again.

Hazardous components – In addition to useful base materials, electronic waste can contain hazardous materials such as lead, mercury, inks and toners. These materials need to be carefully handled and kept out of landfill, otherwise, our environment will suffer the consequences.

Easy and convenient – The Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) program accepts more than 40 types of electronic items at more than 600 permanent collection sites across Ontario. In fact, nearly 85 per cent of Ontarians live within 10 kilometres of an OES-approved collection site. OES also hosts hundreds of collection events throughout the year at various locations across the province.

Safe and secure – The companies that work with OES adhere to some of the highest environmental and health and safety standards in the world. When dropping off electronics at an OES-approved site, you can be assured these items will be processed safely and securely.

Whether it's bottles or cell phones, the reason for recycling is simple: to keep potentially harmful waste out of landfill in order to achieve a greener, healthier environment. Visit www.recycleyourelectronics.ca to find the nearest collection site or view upcoming events in your area.

Do the world a favour, recycle your electronics.

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