

Spring cleaning? Get rid of those unwanted electronics!

Spring is approaching. It's time to whisk away those dull, dark days of winter and celebrate the new season with a spotless home or office. So go ahead, open the doors and windows, and let the fresh air guide your rhythm, but be mindful that you're not just cleaning up: you're freeing up space too. Don't simply dust over those old or unused items that have been sitting idle in your basement, storage room or garage. Chances are that if you haven't used them all winter, it's time for them to go. And let's face it, that old television or DVD player isn't going to fix itself. Use it, or lose it.



Unwanted electronics can take up unnecessary space in your home or office, and research shows that four out of five Ontario households have at least one item they want to get rid of. If you can't give them away, do the right thing for the environment and recycle them.

Electronics can contain hazardous materials such as batteries, mercury, lead, inks and toners, which must be properly handled and kept from needlessly contaminating landfills in Canada or overseas. Electronics also contain valuable materials, such as copper, aluminum and precious metals that can be recycled and used manufacture new electronic products.

Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) is the not-for-profit organization responsible for implementing an electronic waste recycling program in Ontario. You can find an OES-approved drop-off location or event near you at www.recycleyourelectronics.ca, along with a full list of accepted items. You can be confident that these once treasured gadgets are being safely and responsibly handled, but more importantly you can reclaim all that space in your home or office as well.

This spring you can rid your space of unnecessary clutter, breathe easier and do the world a favour: recycle your electronics.

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