

FOR MUNICIPALITIES

WHO WE ARE

Operational since April 1, 2009, Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) is a not-for-profit organization that oversees the responsible reuse and recycling of end-of-life electronics through a program that includes hundreds of collection and affiliate sites across the province. Today the OES program accepts 44 items of electronics for end-of-life management.

OES is one of three industry-funded organizations (IFOs) overseen by Waste Diversion Ontario – the other two being Stewardship Ontario, and Ontario Tire Stewardship.

OUR MISSION

To lead end-of-life electronics collection in an environmentally responsible and cost-effective way, and divert end-of-life electronics from landfill on behalf of residents and businesses.

OUR GOALS

- To divert computers, televisions, cell phones and other end-of-life electronics from Ontario's landfills
- To prevent hazardous materials and toxic chemicals from harming the environment and help ensure component materials are handled properly
- To help businesses and consumers rethink how they treat end-of-life electronics

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Now entering its third year of operations, the OES program is having a significant impact across the province.

- Since commencing operations, OES has collected over 50,000 tonnes of end-of-life electronics
- Last year, we held or sponsored more than 430 collection events across the province
- We have expanded our collection network such that ninety-one per cent of Ontarians are within 25 km of an OES collection depot or event

OES CURRENTLY ACCEPTS 44 DIFFERENT END-OF-LIFE ELECTRONIC ITEMS, INCLUDING:

- Computer peripherals including modems
- Printing devices including copiers, scanners, typewriters
- Telephones (physical and accessories)
- Cellular phones
- PDAs and pagers
- Audio and video players (e.g. VCR, DVD players)
- Cameras
- Personal hand held computers
- Desktop and laptop/portable computers
- Equalizers/(pre)amplifiers
- Radios
- Receivers and tuners
- Speakers
- Tuners
- Turntable
- Video players/projectors
- Video recorders
- Televisions
- Computer monitors

MUNICIPALITIES – VITAL AND TRUSTED PARTNERS

Electronics are now deeply interwoven into our daily lives. We regularly work and play on our computers, spend time on our smart phones and watch television.

Each time we purchase a new electronic item, however, we're left with an item that is unwanted or obsolete. The result is a steadily growing amount of end-of-life electronics. In fact, according to Environment Canada, Canadians produce 140,000 tonnes of electronic waste each year.

If these items are simply dumped into landfill – whether here or in other jurisdictions – the consequences to human health and the environment could be dire.

It is this challenge that led to the launch of Ontario Electronic Stewardship. We've come a long way since the program went operational in April 2009, but there is still much work still to be done. And our valuable network of service provider partners – including municipalities – continues to play a critical role in helping Ontarians view their end-of-life electronics for what they are: something that should never go to landfill and a resource that can be recycled, reused or refurbished.

We can't do it without you. That's why we offer resources designed to help municipal partners serve the needs of their residents in a way that's efficient and cost effective. They include:

- The option of using roll-off containers for the collection and transportation of end-of-life electronics from permanent or event collection sites;
- Hundreds of permanent collection sites across the province. These are listed on recycleyourelectronics.ca;
- The ability to access promotional, awareness and logistical support for community collection events; and
- A network of on-call experts that can help our municipal partners design a program that works for their ratepayers.

We invite you to learn more about OES, and to look at ways we can help you achieve your goals while creating a greener Ontario for generations to come.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can our municipality work with OES?

We offer three options for participation:

1. municipal partners may choose to collect and provide materials to an OES approved processor;
2. set up an OES permanent collection site; or
3. run a collection event with OES assistance.

We also offer logistical and promotional support.

What is the difference between a Collector, Service Provider and an Affiliate?

An OES Service Provider contracts directly with OES. An Affiliate works directly with an OES Approved Processor, which handles end-of-life electronics collected through the OES collection network. A Collector can be a private sector or non-profit operation or government organization that agrees to collect designated end-of life electronics on behalf of the OES. For more information, please visit ontarioelectronicstewardship.ca.

Is there a financial incentive to participate as a collector?

Yes. OES approved collection sites receive a weight-based financial incentive of \$150 to \$235/tonne based on collection set-up for the designated materials that they receive, sort and prepare for transport by an OES approved Service Provider. For more information, please visit ontarioelectronicstewardship.ca.

What is the timeline for payment?

OES issues monthly summaries and requires the site to confirm the tonnage numbers. Once confirmed, a Purchase Order number is issued to be included on the invoice. Payment is issued within 30 days of receipt of invoice. OES is also working to implement an electronic material tracking system, and we will share more information about that soon.

How do we package our material?

Generally, OES requires that display devices (TVs, monitors) and computers be stacked on pallets and wrapped in stretch wrap. Remaining accepted materials are placed in a gaylord (large cardboard box) that rests on a pallet. However, OES permits specific deviation from these sorting and packaging requirements for municipalities in some cases. For example, municipalities may use roll off bins.

Why are small kitchen appliances, microwaves and smoke detectors not currently in the program?

These items were not designated in the Final Revised (Phase 1 and 2) WEEE Program Plan. However, some municipalities do take back microwaves, white goods (appliances), smoke detectors and other non-program material through their existing programs.

How can I get more information?

We welcome your questions and comments, and invite you to learn more about the program. For more information, please contact:

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