

Stormwater Quality Protection

EXAMPLES OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT THAT CAN BE RECYCLED:

- » TVs
- » computers
- » keyboards, monitors, mice
- » cords/cables
- » floppy disks/CDs/DVDs
- » cellphones, batteries
- » printers, ink-jet cartridges
- » fax machines
- » scanners
- » gaming systems
- » LCD/plasma screens
- » old circuit boards
- » radios
- » stereo systems
- » speakers/amplifiers

What is stormwater?

Stormwater is rainwater that does not soak into the ground, but runs off paved surfaces into storm drains and flows to the nearest waterway.

How is it related to electronic equipment?

Leaving electronic equipment outside on curbs or streets can lead to breakage and release of pollutants, broken glass and plastic. These can be picked up by stormwater runoff and transported directly to our creeks and rivers untreated. Do your part to protect our water quality by recycling end-of-life electronics responsibly.

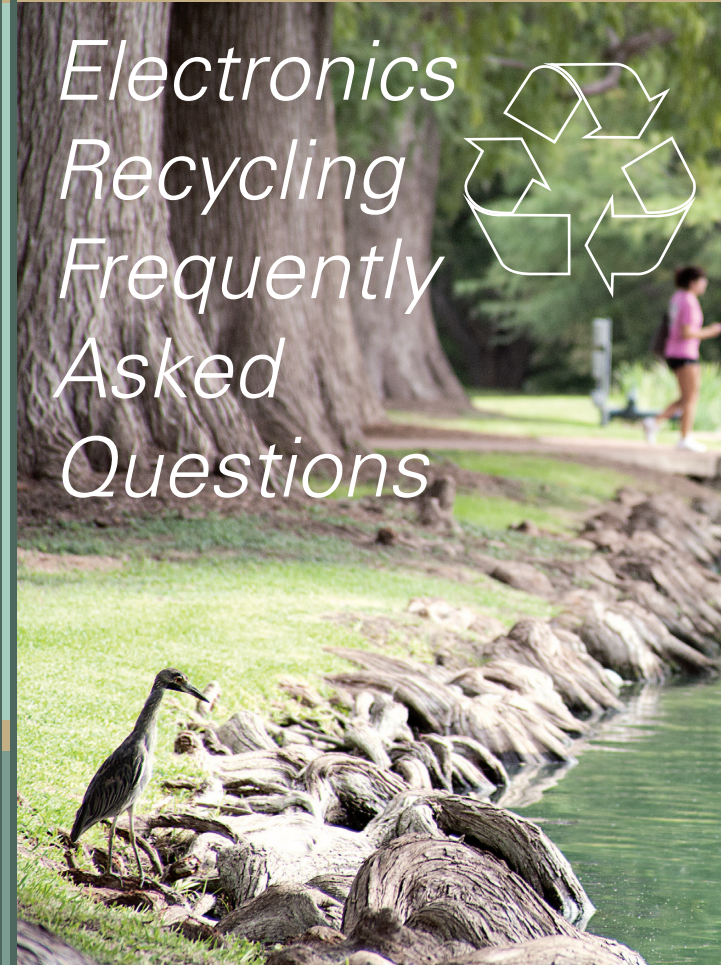
CANNOT ACCEPT:

- » microwaves
- » refrigerators/AC units
- » other appliances
- » hazardous waste



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Electronics Recycling Frequently Asked Questions



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What electronic equipment is recyclable?

A. You can recycle end-of-life electronics equipment containing wires and circuit boards that would otherwise be discarded.

Q. Why should we recycle our electronic equipment?

A. Old electronics contain 100 percent recyclable components. They also contain metals such as cadmium, chromium and lead that should not be disposed of in landfills.

Q. Where does this equipment go?

A. It is transported to one of several facilities in Texas.

Q. What do they do with it?

A. The equipment is taken apart and separated into "commodities" such as plastic, glass, scrap metal, copper and aluminum wiring, and circuit boards.

Q. Are any of these items sent overseas?

A. No, not if you use an e-steward certified facility. These businesses segregate the recyclable commodities and ship them to other facilities in the U.S. only. (See websites on next panel.)

Q. How are computer hard drives managed to destroy my personal data?

A. E-stewards use wiping programs such as "Blancco" (www.blancco.com) to erase the hard drive. This program is certified by the U.S. Department of Defense. Hard drives are also physically destroyed by shredding them.

Q. How does responsible recycling of electronics benefit the community and San Marcos River Watershed?

A. It is a secure, environmentally responsible means for individuals to recycle old electronic equipment. It keeps these items from ending up along the road, dumped in a ditch, put in a municipal landfill or other disposal to land where toxic metals (lead, cadmium, chromium, etc.), oil or other chemicals could wash into our creeks and rivers.



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