

Electronic Waste Disposal for Your Business

Charleston County Environmental Management Proper End of Life Management FAQ



What is electronic waste (e-waste)?

E-Waste refers to discarded electronic devices and components such as: computers, televisions, laptops, cell phones, printers, and copiers.

Why recycle e-waste?

E-waste frequently contains hazardous materials, predominantly lead and mercury, which can be hazardous to human health and the environment if not properly managed to keep it out of disposal facilities.

Why am I not able to dispose electronic waste in the landfill?

In May of 2010, a statewide electronics recycling law was initiated for South Carolina. This law bans all electronic waste from being placed into landfills.

Does Charleston County accept business e-waste?

Charleston County only accepts residential household e-waste. Businesses should not throw away computers and other electronic equipment and must follow all state and federal regulations regarding the proper management of electronics waste. Generally, businesses should:

- donate working equipment to an organization for reuse (e.g., non-profits, schools, churches); or
- recycle it.

Where can my business get more information on recycling e-waste?

Visit South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for more information: <http://www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/Recycling/Electronics/Businesses/>

Goodwill accepts most e-waste (no televisions) at any Donation retail location. They offer truck pick-up service for larger donations: <http://palmettogoodwill.net/index.php/retail-stores/computer-works>

Meridian Metals Management provides e-cycling services to businesses. <http://meridianmetalsmgt.com/electronics-recycling-charleston-sc/>



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