Why is it important to recycle electronics?

Electronics contain valuable, reusable materials like gold, steel, silver, copper and glass. They also contain harmful materials like lead, mercury, cadmium and chemical flame retardants. Recycling and reusing electronics protects the environment, conserves valuable raw materials and preserves landfill space.

What happens when I recycle my electronics?

Electronics recyclers break down your electronics, reuse or recycle safe materials and properly manage hazardous materials. Recyclers must comply with state and federal regulations to ensure environmental safety.

Where can I e-cycle?

Some collectors accept electronics for free, while others charge a small fee for certain items. Call ahead or visit a collector’s website to learn about costs and restrictions. Ask your local recycling program about upcoming recycling events in your area.

Find a list of collection sites at: dnr.wi.gov search “ecycle”
The following items CANNOT be put in the trash or sent to landfills or incinerators:

- Computers (desktops, laptops and tablets)
- Computer monitors (includes e-readers and similar devices with screens of at least 7”)
- Computer accessories (mice, keyboards, external hard drives, etc.)
- TVs
- Cell phones
- DVD players, VCRs and DVRs
- Desktop printers and printers that also scan, fax or copy
- Fax machines

The above items and other electronics can be RECYCLED throughout the state.

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