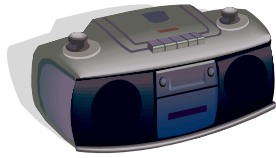
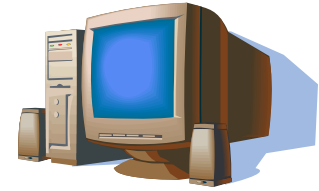


Electronics Recycling



Why does it matter?



Electronics contain lead, mercury, arsenic and other **TOXICS** that can get into groundwater if buried in a landfill. They also contain valuable **RESOURCES** that should be **RECLAIMED... NOT WASTED!**

OPTION 1



BEST BUY'S ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

WHO: All consumers

WHAT: Most electronics (excludes console TV's, TV's greater than 32" & appliances)

WHERE: All Best Buy Stores

COST: Essentially FREE.*
* \$10 fee for TV's, monitors & laptops, **offset by a \$10 gift card.**

EXCEPTIONS: Items containing hard drives are not accepted. You can remove the hard drive yourself, or you may have the Best Buy Geek Squad remove it for \$19.99, after which Best Buy will accept it for free of charge.

**VISIT WWW.BESTBUY.COM
FOR FULL DETAILS**

OPTION 2



ERCSWMA'S ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

WHO: All ERCSWMA Residents
[Towns of Schaghticoke, Pittstown, Stephentown; Villages of Castleton, Hoosick Falls, Nassau & Valley Falls]

WHAT: Most electronics (excludes items containing Freon — air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators and other appliances)

WHERE: See reverse for locations

**COST: \$25 per Television;
\$15 per Monitor**

**VISIT WWW.ERCSWMA.ORG
OR CALL 686-7540 FOR DETAILS**

THE E-WASTE PROBLEM

In this age of technology in which we live, residents and businesses alike are upgrading computer systems and office equipment more frequently than ever before. And with the onslaught of HD TV, more and more people are discarding their old tube style television for a more sleek and modern flat screen unit.

But there is a flip side to all these new technological advances — e-Waste. Electronics waste (often referred to as e-Waste) has become an increasingly growing problem over the last several years. Americans generate approximately 7 million tons of electronic waste per year, a number which continues to climb. Too much electronic equipment ends up in the trash with all our other discards because many folks do not realize the importance of handling their old electronic equipment differently than their regular household trash.

We implore you to think again.

Did you know that a typical computer monitor contains 5-8 lbs. of lead? Or that mercury, cadmium, arsenic and other toxic metals inside a computer can eventually leach into the groundwater if it is buried in a landfill? Moreover, the plastics and metals from which electronics are made will remain in a landfill for hundreds of years to come.

So where will all of today's electronic equipment end up? Well, if you take advantage of an electronics recycling program, the answer *won't* be a landfill.

ERCSWMA'S 2009 ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

ERCSWMA Residents made great use of the new electronics recycling program in 2008. In fact, residents nearly doubled their electronic recycling last year, recycling 26 tons (compared to only 13.3 tons in 2007). Thank you to those who participated.

This year, there is a change to the fee schedule for recycling electronics in your community. As you may know, the recycling markets have taken a nose-dive within the last 6 months, and electronic recyclers are forced to charge higher fees for their services. As a result, the ERCSWMA must charge a fee of \$15 for Monitors and \$25 for TVs. Still, all other eligible electronics will be collected free of charge.

While these new fees are unfortunate, recycling these materials is still the best option by a long shot. Since electronic equipment contains many hazardous materials (including lead, mercury, cadmium and arsenic) that must be handled properly, it is extremely important that you keep these materials out of the regular trash.

ERCSWMA LOCATIONS & DETAILS

Hoosick Falls

The ERC Community Warehouse serves as a drop off center for all Hoosick Falls residents to bring their old electronic equipment for recycling.

Drop-off hours: Tue / Wed / Fri: 9 – 5;
Thur: 10 – 6; Sat: 9 – 4

Pittstown

Pittstown residents can drop off their old electronics at the Town's Monthly Clean-Up Days on the second Saturday of every month (April thru November) (8am-12pm) at the Town Garage.

Schaghticoke

Schaghticoke residents can drop off their old electronics at the Town's Monthly Clean-Up Days on the second Saturday of every month (April thru November) (8am-12pm) at the Town Garage.

Castleton

Castleton residents can drop off their old electronics at the Village's Spring and Fall Clean-Up Days.

Sat., May 23, 2009—8am-Noon

Sat., Sept. 26, 2009—8am-Noon

Nassau

Residents can drop off their old electronics at the Village's Spring and Fall Clean-Up Days.

Sat., June 27, 2009—9am-Noon

Sat., Oct., 24, 2009—9am-Noon

Stephentown

The Town Transfer Station serves Stephentown residents for electronic recycling drop-off.

Hours: Monday: 4pm – 8pm

Wednesday: 11am – 7pm

Friday: 1pm – 6pm

Saturday: 8am – 4pm

**Visit www.ercswma.org or
call us at 686-7540 for more info**