

How does the new VT Electronic Waste law affect waste haulers and solid waste facilities?

- The law bans the disposal of many electronic devices in VT, effective 1/1/11.
- It also provides for the free and convenient collection of computers, TVs, printers, monitors and peripherals (keyboard, mice, etc.) from households, charities, school districts and businesses with up to 10 employees. Collections will begin 7/1/11. Your facility is not required to provide this service.
- Other electronic waste must also be recycled, but there may be a fee.

What items are banned from disposal in VT solid waste facilities?

- computers
- peripherals (keyboards, mice, etc.)
- computer monitors (all types)
- CRT's (cathode ray tubes)
- TV's (all types)
- printers (all types, including all-in-one)
- electronic game consoles
- E-device power cords & chargers
- PDAs, MP3 players (& other personal e-devices)
- fax machines
- telephones
- VCR's
- DVD players
- digital converter boxes
- answering machines
- stereo equipment
- wireless (cell) phones

Is the ban on business electronic waste or household electronic waste?

- E-waste generated by both businesses and households is covered by the ban.
- Businesses are already prohibited from disposing of TVs or monitors with CRTs; the universal waste requirements of the VT Hazardous Waste Management Regulations apply.

How should we ensure compliance?

- Notify your customers of the ban before it takes effect. Use signage, newsletters, postcards, bill inserts, stickers on banned items left at the curb, website, etc. Samples will be available on the VT E-Waste website.
- Train your attendants, drivers, and other staff about the ban. Banned devices cannot be accepted for disposal.
- Screen incoming waste for banned electronic devices, and remove any banned items for recycling.
- Revise your facility management plan to address the ban.

Why should we bother?

- The enforcement penalties of 10 V.S.A. § 8010 apply if banned E-Waste is knowingly disposed of at your facility or by your trucks.

We currently accept E-Waste for recycling - can we continue?

- Beginning 7/1/11, all "collectors" of waste computers, monitors, TVs and printers must register with VT DEC, and annual reporting will be required beginning 8/1/12.

Where can we get more information about E-Waste?

- Visit the VT E-Waste website at <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/>