

How you can help

- ❑ By dropping off your unwanted electronics at SAFE centers, collection events and at recyclers, you protect the environment and reduce the volume of waste going into landfills.
- ❑ Choose products that can be upgraded, and will not become obsolete with changes in technology.
- ❑ Choose products made with materials that can be recycled.
- ❑ Choose products made from recycled materials.

For more information . . .

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electronics & computer



"computer components contain toxic and bioaccumulative compounds capable of compromising water and air quality."

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equipment recycling



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Why recycle?

- ✔ **Saves natural resources**

By recycling we'll need to cut down fewer trees, mine fewer minerals, and pump less oil out of the ground in order to make the goods we buy everyday.

- ✔ **Reduces pollution**

Research shows that making a new product from "virgin" raw materials creates more air and water pollution than making that same product from recycled materials.

- ✔ **Saves landfill space**

Most solid waste is disposed of in landfills or dumps. The use of landfills is becoming more and more limited. Instead of depositing electronics and computer equipment in landfills, they can be recycled, preventing the use of more landfill space.

"Simply trashing all computers would add an estimated 8.5 million tons of waste to America's landfill."

Why recycle electronics and computer equipment?

- ✔ **Increases the recycling of reusable materials like copper, precious metals and plastics.**

- ✔ **Computer equipment and consumer electronic devices contain hazardous materials that, if disposed of in landfills, could pollute soil and groundwater.**

How are electronics and computer equipment recycled?

- ✔ **Items that work or are repairable are refurbished for resale or donated to non-profit, charitable organizations.**
- ✔ **Non-working equipment is dismantled for recycling. Recycling facilities will remove any hazardous materials, then strip the equipment of its recyclable materials, like copper, plastic, aluminum, precious metals (gold, silver, platinum), and printed circuit boards.**

CRT's and CED's

- ✔ **CRT's are the picture tubes in computer monitors and TV's.**
- ✔ **CED's (consumer electronic devices) are items such as VCR's, CD and DVD players, radios, cassette players, stereos, video cameras and cell phones.**
- ✔ **In California, it is unlawful to dispose of CRT's and CED's in landfills due to the hazardous materials contained in them.**
- ✔ **CRT's and CED's can be recycled.**



illustration of a cathode ray tube (CRT) inside a computer monitor