



Definition Fact Sheet

How is Covered Electronic Equipment (CEE) Categorized in Annual Registration?

In the annual registration forms, CEE will be reported and categorized in four categories. The chart below illustrates how common CEE should be categorized.

Category	Items
Computer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desktop computers• Small-scale server• Portable digital music players that have memory capability and are battery-powered <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laptops*• Tablets*• E-readers*• Digital picture frames* <p>*Only items with screens 6 inches or larger</p>
Computer peripheral	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer monitors• Keyboard• Computer mouse• Printers/scanners under 100 pounds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer game controllers• External hard drives• Flash drives
Television	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Televisions with screens 6 inches or larger
Television peripheral	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VCRs• DVRs• DVD players <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signal converter boxes• Cable and satellite receivers• Gaming systems

How is CEE Defined?

District of Columbia law (D.C. Official Code § 8-1041.01) defines CEE as:

Computers and **computer peripherals**, including keyboards, electronic pointing devices, printers, computer monitors and display devices, **laptops or other portable computers**, and portable digital music players that have memory capability and are battery-powered, **televisions**, and **television peripherals**. The term “covered electronic equipment” does not include a motor vehicle, part of a motor vehicle, or a component part of a motor vehicle assembled by, or for, a vehicle manufacturer or franchised dealer, including replacement parts for use in a motor vehicle; telephones of any type, including mobile telephones, a personal digital assistant, a global positioning system, or a hand-held gaming device, household appliances, or covered electronic equipment that is contained within a clothes washer, clothes dryer, refrigerator, refrigerator and freezer, microwave oven, conventional oven or range, dishwasher, room air conditioner, dehumidifier, air purifier, water heater, or exercise equipment, equipment that is functionally or physically part of a larger piece of equipment intended for use in an industrial, research and development or commercial setting, security or anti-terrorism equipment, monitoring and control instrument or system, thermostat, hand-held transceiver, server other than a small-scale server, cash register or retail self-checkout system, stand-alone storage product intended for use in industrial, research and development, or commercial settings, medical equipment that contains a cathode ray tube, a flat panel display or similar video display device, and that is not separate from the larger piece of medical equipment, or other medical devices as defined under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. [emphasis added]

The Department of Energy and Environment's proposed regulations ([63 DCR 10041](#)) for the eCYCLE DC program include the following definitions:

Computers:

An electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical or other high-speed data processing device performing a logical, arithmetic, or storage function, including a laptop computer or other portable computer, desktop computer, and includes any cable, cord, or wiring permanently affixed to or incorporated into such product, and may include a computer central processing unit; but such term shall not include an automated typewriter or typesetter, a portable hand-held calculator, server, or other similar device. Computer also means a small-scale server, portable digital music players that have memory capability and are battery-powered, or other similar devices.

Laptop computer or other portable computer:

A computer and display greater than six inches when measured diagonally that can be carried as one unit by an individual, including a laptop computer, tablet, e-reader, digital picture frames, or other similar devices.

Computer peripherals:

Any device that is sold primarily for external use with a computer and that provides input into or output from a computer, including: electronic keyboards; electronic mouse or other pointing device; printers; multi-function imaging equipment containing printers, which does not weigh more than 100 pounds; game controllers used in conjunction with computers; external hard drives; flash drives; speakers for use with computers; computer monitors and display devices; or other similar devices; and any cable, cord, or wiring permanently affixed to or incorporated into any such product.

Televisions:

A display system containing a cathode ray tube, flat panel, or any other type of display primarily intended to receive video programming via broadcast, cable, or satellite transmission, and which has a display greater than six inches when measured diagonally.

Television peripherals:

Devices attached to and used in conjunction with televisions, including video cassette recorders (VCR), digital video recorders (DVR), digital video disc players (DVD), electronic or video game systems, game controllers, signal converter boxes, cable receivers, satellite receivers, digital media receivers or set top boxes, or other similar devices, and includes any cable, cord, or wiring permanently affixed to or incorporated into any such product.

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