

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Energy and Environment

September 8, 2017

Re: District of Columbia Electronic Waste Disposal Restrictions

To whom it may concern:

There are new responsibilities for electronic waste in the District of Columbia, which relate to haulers and waste collectors. Please read this letter carefully.

The Sustainable Solid Waste Management Amendment Act of 2014 (D.C. Official Code § 8-1041.01 et seq.) created the eCYCLE DC program to increase electronics recycling in the District of Columbia. Under the Act, beginning on **January 1, 2018**, “no person in the District shall knowingly dispose of covered electronic equipment or subassemblies of covered electronic equipment as solid waste in the District except through recycling programs or other methods approved by the Mayor.”

This means that as of January 1, 2018, no person may throw covered electronic equipment into the trash.

Covered Electronic Equipment

The disposal restrictions apply to covered electronic equipment, as defined in the statute and implementing regulations (20 DCMR § 4100-4199), which includes:

- Desktop computers
- Laptops
- Tablets
- E-readers
- Portable digital music players
- Computer monitors
- Printers
- Computer mice
- Keyboards
- Televisions
- VCRs and DVD players
- TV game consoles

Notification by Haulers and Waste Collectors

Haulers and waste collectors should notify their clients that covered electronic equipment may no longer be included with solid waste and should be properly recycling with an electronics recycler.

Recycling Options

Beginning January 1, 2018, individuals must properly recycle their unwanted covered electronic equipment. A list of electronics recycling options is available at doee.dc.gov/ecycle. Individuals and businesses can also contract directly with recyclers. A list of third-party certified recyclers can be found at sustainableelectronics.org/recyclers or e-stewards.org/find-a-recycler.

Questions

If you have question, please email productstewardship@dc.gov or call 202-535-2600.

Visit doee.dc.gov/ecycle for more information.

ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL BAN: JANUARY 1, 2018

The Sustainable Solid Waste Management Amendment Act (D.C. Official Code § 8-1041.01 et seq.) (20 DCMR § 4100-4199) states that as of January 1, 2018, "no person in the District shall knowingly dispose of covered electronic equipment or subassemblies of covered electronic equipment as solid waste in the District except through recycling programs or other methods approved by the Mayor."

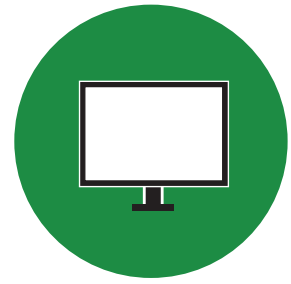
The following electronics will be banned from the trash:



**DESKTOP COMPUTERS
AND LAPTOPS**



**TABLETS AND
e-READERS**



**COMPUTER
MONITORS**



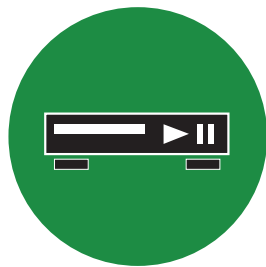
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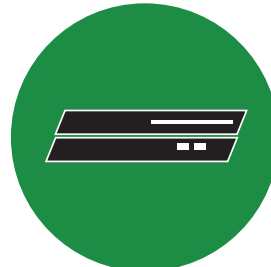
PRINTERS



TELEVISIONS



**VCRs AND DVD
PLAYERS**



**TV GAME
CONSOLES**



**PORTABLE DIGITAL
MUSIC PLAYERS**

For more information about how to properly recycle electronics, visit doee.dc.gov/ecycle.