Definition Fact Sheet

Covered Electronic Equipment (CEE) Categories

In the District's electronic stewardship law and regulations, CEE is sorted into categories and types as shown below. If you have questions, contact productstewardship@dc.gov.

Category	Type	
Computer	• Desktop computers • Small-scale server • Portable digital music players that have memory capability and are battery-powered	• Laptops* • Tablets* • E-readers* *Only items with screens larger than 6 inches measured diagonally
Computer peripheral	• Computer monitors larger than 6 inches, measured diagonally • Keyboard • Computer mouse	• Speakers sold with computers • Desktop printers or multifunction printers that weigh 100 pounds or less
Television	• Televisions with screens larger than 6 inches measured diagonally	
Television peripheral	• VCRs • DVRs • DVD players (not portable)	• Signal converter boxes • Cable, satellite, and digital media receivers • Gaming consoles used with TVs

Note: Products in these categories sold to the District of Columbia or federal government are not CEE.

Legal Definition of CEE

District of Columbia Official Code
D.C. Official Code § 8-1041.01(4)
The District's electronic stewardship law defines CEE and lists what is excluded from the definition:

> **"Covered electronic equipment**" means **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**.
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> 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.

The term "covered electronic equipment" also does not include equipment that is sold to the District government or the federal government. [emphasis and spacing between sentences added]

District of Columbia Municipal Regulations
20 DCMR § 4199
The Department of Energy and Environment's implementing regulations for the eCYCLE DC program contain more specific definitions:

Computer:
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 other than a small-scale 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, or other similar devices.

Computer monitor and display device:
A separate visual display component that can be used with a computer, whether sold separately or together with a computer central processing unit, and includes a cathode ray tube, liquid crystal display, gas plasma, digital light processing or other image projection technology, or other similar device, with a display greater than six inches when measured diagonally, and its case, interior wires and circuitry, and any cable cord or wiring permanently affixed thereto or incorporated into such product.

Computer peripheral:

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 one hundred (100) pounds; speakers sold 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.

Printer:

A device using laser and LED (electrographic), ink jet, dot matrix, thermal, digital sublimation, or other print technologies that is designed to be placed on a desk or other work surface. This includes a multifunction or "all-in-one" device that, in addition to printing, performs one or more other operations such as copying, scanning, or faxing. Printer does not include a floor-standing printer, a printer with an optional floor stand, a point of sale (POS) receipt printer, a household calculator with printing capabilities or a label maker, a non-stand-alone printer that is embedded into a product other than a covered electronic equipment, or a device that weighs more than 100 pounds.

Small-scale server:

A computer that typically uses desktop components in a desktop form factor, but is designed primarily to be a storage host for other computers and for an industry accepted operating system for home or low-end server applications. To be considered a small-scale server, a computer must have the following characteristics: designed in a pedestal, tower, or other form factor similar to those of desktop computers such that all data processing, storage, and network interfacing is contained within one box or product; intended to be operational twenty four hours per day and seven days a week, and unscheduled downtime is extremely low, such as on the order of hours per year; and is capable of operating in a simultaneous multi-user environment serving several users through networked client units.

Television:

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 peripheral:

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, 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.