



Change in NYS Law for Electronics Recycling – Effective January 1st, 2015

In accordance with the disposal ban requirements of Section 27-2611 of the Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act, on **January 1st, 2015**, it will become unlawful for residential households in New York State to place electronic equipment at the curb for disposal.

Due to this change in law, Waste Management will no longer be collecting electronic waste at the curb after 12/31/14 – even if segregated from the rest of the household trash.

Beginning January 1, 2012, with the exception of individual and household consumers, all other NYS consumers including businesses, private or public corporations, not for profit corporations and government entities, etc. were prohibited from disposing of, or place for collection intended for disposal, electronic waste (such as computers, computer peripherals, televisions, small scale servers, and small electronic equipment, etc.)

Beginning January 1, 2015, this disposal ban will apply to all persons in the state, including individual and household consumers.

However, consumers and homeowners do have other options for recycling their electronic waste.

New York State law requires manufacturers to take responsibility for recycling many types of electronic equipment they have produced, such as computers, computer peripherals, televisions, small scale servers, and small electronic equipment, etc. Manufacturers now provide free and convenient acceptances programs for NYS consumers to properly reuse and recycle their waste electronic equipment.

- Retailers that sell electronics offer free recycling of electronic waste. This is in cooperation with the manufacturers of electronics and an extension of their responsibility to operate in New York State.

Best Buy, for example, accepts most electronics for recycling. To learn more, visit www.bestbuy.com and search “electronics recycling”
- Additionally, here are two other privately owned companies that accept electronics for recycling
 - Sunnking 1800 Broadway Unit 4A, Buffalo, NY Mon.-Fri. 7:30am – 4pm or visit www.sunnking.com and enter zip code in “Drop-Offs” section to find a location near you
 - Hazman 177 Wales Ave., Tonawanda, NY Mon.-Fri. 8am – 4pm and 1st Sat. of month 9am - 12pm. Some recycling fees may apply at this site. Visit www.hazmanusa.com to learn more.

Consumers should visit the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/66872.html>, for a full list of the types of electronic equipment covered by this law and to learn how they may properly manage their electronic waste in an environmentally responsible manner.