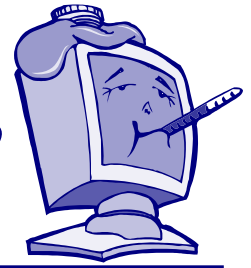


# What should I do with my old computer and electronic equipment?



## *The Ever-Growing Problem of E-Waste.....*

It is estimated that in 2007, over 500 million personal computers in the United States will become obsolete - that's over 25 billion pounds of electronic equipment! Local, state and federal regulations prohibit businesses from disposing of computer monitors and televisions in our landfills to prevent the lead embedded in the monitor glass from entering the drinking water supply.

In addition to the 4 to 6 pounds of lead in each monitor, other computer system components have hazardous materials such as mercury, arsenic, and cadmium, which can cause numerous health problems. Lead exposure can damage the central and peripheral nervous systems, circulatory system, and kidneys, and has been shown to increase learning disabilities in children. Exposure to mercury can permanently damage or fatally injure the brain and kidneys. Arsenic and cadmium are known human carcinogens as they increase the risks of lung, lymphatic, and prostate cancer.

In order to help safeguard our environment, it is necessary to properly dispose of your old electronic equipment. Listed below are the three most common methods of electronics disposal. On the reverse side of this flyer is a list of local service providers who are ready and willing to accept your equipment. Please remove all confidential information prior to donation, refurbishing, and/or recycling.

Reuse	Refurbish	Recycle
<p>Find interested parties to give equipment suitable for reuse. Giving the material to employees or friends serves at least two purposes: finding new uses for functional equipment and keeping the material out of the landfill.</p> <p>In addition to friends, families, and employees, certain organizations in Lincoln may be willing to receive your equipment if it is a <b>Pentium 3 or higher in working condition</b>. Check with the organizations for specific requirements.</p>	<p>Refurbishing is an excellent method to give new life to your obsolete equipment that is not new enough to be donated. Professionals will test the old equipment for possible rebuilding into new computers from existing parts.</p> <p>When equipment is sent to be refurbished, it is not necessary to provide the entire system, nor is it required that all pieces be functional. Refurbishing allows old non-working equipment to be combined in new, fully functional systems.</p>	<p>Computers and electronic equipment sent for recycling are dismantled mostly by hand and scrapped for their various components.</p> <p>Circuitry, metals, plastics, and glass are sorted for recycling. The components are then sold and can be rebuilt into similar electronics, such as old to new CRT glass and circuit boards. Plastic components are oftentimes made into asphalt, plastic lumber, and electrical switch boxes. Glass can be reused as decorative tile, fiberglass, and highway reflective products.</p>

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# *Local Service Providers*

## *Computers & Electronic Equipment*



Contact these businesses in order to properly dispose of your computers and electronic equipment. Please call to make arrangements **BEFORE** making a donation or delivering your material for recycling as minimum specifications or recycling fees may apply. Whether donating, refurbishing, or recycling, please remove all confidential information using "wipe-drive" software or reformatting the hard drive with a boot disk.

### Donation & Reuse

It will be necessary to contact these organizations **BEFORE** making a donation in order to ensure that your computer equipment meets minimum specifications for donation. Only working equipment with a Pentium 3 processor or higher will be accepted.

Computers for Africa  
Omaha, NE 68134  
[www.computers4africa.org/participate/inkind.htm](http://www.computers4africa.org/participate/inkind.htm)

Cox Connects Kids  
11505 West Dodge St.  
Omaha, NE 68154  
(402) 934-0453  
[www.cox.com/omaha/](http://www.cox.com/omaha/)

**Lincoln Public Schools**  
5901 "O" St.  
Lincoln, NE 68510  
(402) 458-3140  
[www.lps.org](http://www.lps.org)

AT4All  
1910 Meridian  
Cozad, NE 69130  
(800) 652-0033  
[www.at4all.com](http://www.at4all.com)

### Refurbishing & Recycling

It is not necessary to donate fully functional equipment when refurbishing. Periphery equipment (i.e. CPUs, speakers, keyboards, mice, etc.) will be taken for free, however, there may be up to a \$20 charge for monitors. Please call to make arrangements **BEFORE** delivering your material for refurbishing and/or recycling.

Computer Renaissance  
Ste.-B 330 N. 48th St.  
Lincoln, NE 68504  
(402) 465-4040  
[www.compren.com](http://www.compren.com)

**Lincoln Action Program**  
210 "O" St.  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
(402) 471-4528  
[www.lincoln-action.org](http://www.lincoln-action.org)

Superior Pawnee Computer Society  
752 N Central  
Superior, NE 68978  
(402) 879-1046  
[www.spcsne.org](http://www.spcsne.org)

### Recycling

If you are planning to recycle several systems, recycling service providers may be the best option. Charges for recycling will apply. Most commonly, recycling costs between \$0.30 - \$0.40 per pound for a complete system (including monitor). Please call to make arrangements **BEFORE** delivering your material for recycling.

**Computer Hardware, Inc.**  
Kearney, NE (308)234-9335  
Grand Island, NE (308)384-6939  
Hastings, NE (402)463-3456  
[www.computerhardwareinc.com](http://www.computerhardwareinc.com)

**CP Recovery**  
7534 "F" St.  
Omaha, NE 68127  
(402) 331-1630  
[www.cprecovery.com](http://www.cprecovery.com)

**Electronic Disposal Technologies**  
4815 South 115th St.  
Omaha, NE 68137  
(402) 733-7297  
[www.electronicdisposal.net](http://www.electronicdisposal.net)

**Electronic Recyclers**  
Omaha, NE 68110  
(402) 658-9682

**i-recycle**  
5915 S. 118th Circle, Suite 1  
Omaha, NE 68137  
(402) 697-8400  
[www.i-manage.com](http://www.i-manage.com)

**Recycling Connections**  
4351 Hamilton St.  
Omaha, NE 68131  
(402) 551-0823  
[www.recyclingconnections.com](http://www.recyclingconnections.com)

**Retrofit Recycling**  
St. Paul, MN  
(800) 274-1309  
[www.retrofitcompanies.com](http://www.retrofitcompanies.com)

Schrock Innovations  
7160 S. 29th St., Suite C2  
Lincoln, NE 68516  
(402) 423-9595  
[www.schrockinnovations.com](http://www.schrockinnovations.com)

**Techware Recycling**  
1835 W. O St.  
Lincoln, NE 68528  
(402) 499-3103

**Businesses denoted in bold are WasteCap members and/or provide service to WasteCap members through master agreements.**