

Electronic Devices Are Now Banned From landfills

PENNSYLVANIA LANDFILL BAN ON COVERED ELECTRONIC DEVICES NOW IN EFFECT (PA ACT 108) AS OF JANUARY 24, 2013

Landfills are no longer permitted to accept covered electronic devices and waste haulers will no longer accept them with curbside trash or in dumpsters. This new regulation affects every person in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Covered Devices Recycling Act (CDRA or Act 108) was intended to be a cradle-to-grave conception where the manufacturers are responsible for the disposal of the product that they create. The Act requires a manufacturer of “covered devices” to register each of the brands they wish to sell in PA with the Department of Environmental Protection and to then take responsibility for recycling their determined portion of the weight of covered devices that are sold in PA. Retailers are only able to sell brands that are made by registered manufacturers. Manufacturers are to offer recycling of these materials at no charge to residents. They comply by contracting with electronic recyclers to capture their determined portion of the manufactured weight of covered electronic devices.

COVERED DEVICES DEFINITION : "Covered Devices" include electronics such as computers & their peripherals, printers, monitors, devices with processors and televisions.

HOW “CDRA” IMPACTS PHOENIXVILLE: Every resident, business, institution and school in Phoenixville must find other options for disposing of their old electronic devices. They can no longer be placed in trash or in dumpsters.

FREE OPTIONS IN THE AREA

1. Goodwill: Public donations of individual personal computer and related electronic equipment are accepted at all Goodwill Stores and Attended Donation Centers. In addition, Goodwill actively solicits donations of large and small quantities of “retired” computers from corporations, businesses and other organizations. Goodwill will also accept other gently used electronics including televisions. Please call the local store for details on exactly what they will accept.
2. Staples Office Supply: stores accept all types of computers and computer equipment for free. Please call the local store for details on exactly what they will accept.
3. Best Buy Electronics: accepts most types of electronics for free (including televisions). Please call the local store for details on exactly what they will accept.

OTHER OPTIONS:

1. Many manufacturers of electronic equipment have begun their own take back programs. Some may require the equipment to be boxed and sent to them. For more information, check the web site of the manufacturer.