

E-waste Recycling Program:

Reusing Resources for the Future



Olathe residents wanting to recycle their old household electronics are now able to do so through the City's E-waste Recycling Program. This program is available to Olathe residential sanitation customers only.

Why Recycle Electronics?

Household electronics, computers and their accessories are not considered hazardous waste when generated from households and may be disposed of with regular trash. However, these items contain large amounts of lead and other non-renewable resources and recycling allows those resources to be reused.

"It is estimated that Kansans will generate 500,000 to 1,000,000 unwanted PCs each year, plus a whole array of other E-wastes." — Kansas Department of Health and Environment

What Is Recyclable?

The E-waste Recycling Program will accept household electronics items, including computers and computer-related equipment.

A fee ranging from \$3-\$10 will be charged to cover the City's processing and recycling costs. The City's E-waste Recycling Program fees are:

- ◆ Televisions - \$10 each
- ◆ CRT monitors - \$7 each
- ◆ Computers (CPUs/servers), laptops, non-CRT monitors, printers, scanners - \$3 each
- ◆ Small electronics (e.g., microwaves, VCRs, DVD/CD players, fax machines) - \$3 each
- ◆ Peripherals (cables, keyboards, mice, adapters, small external disk drives) - no charge
- ◆ There is no charge for the small items that accompany each of these, such as cables, keyboards, mice, adapters, small external disc drives, or other accessories.

What Will the City Do With These Items?

Surplus Exchange, a Kansas City, Mo. non-profit, collects these items from the City for reuse or recycling. Surplus Exchange, founded in 1984, has an established record of responsibly recycling computer equipment, office furniture, and related business equipment.

How Do I Schedule an Appointment?

Call the Olathe Customer Service Division, 913-971-9311, to schedule an appointment. Electronics are accepted for recycling by appointment only.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is E-waste?

Electronics waste (E-waste) includes all types of obsolete, unused, or unwanted electronic equipment. Personal computers (PCs), consisting of central processing units (CPUs), monitors or cathode ray tubes (CRTs), keyboards, and miscellaneous peripheral items, comprise the largest volume of E-waste. E-waste also includes a wide variety of other items such as televisions, VCRs, stereos, radios, cell phones, and DVD players.

What should I do with my E-waste?

You have several options. At present time, E-waste is not considered hazardous waste and may be disposed of with regular trash. However, these items contain large amounts of lead and other non-renewable resources. The City's E-waste Recycling Program provides a means for Olathe residents to offer these items for reuse or recycling.

Why bother recycling?

Electronic waste (E-waste) management is one of the most important emerging issues in the solid waste industry. While studies show that E-waste is not environmentally harmful if disposed of in a properly designed and maintained landfill, recycling offers a better option by encouraging energy and resource conservation when recycled materials are used to create new products.

How do I participate in the City's E-waste Recycling Program?

Olathe residents can call 971-9311 to schedule an appointment to bring in their e-waste items. A fee ranging from \$3-\$10 per item will be charged to cover the cost of handling and proper recycling. At the time of your appointment, you will be asked to show your photo ID and a copy of your City of Olathe utility bill (showing residential sanitation charges), and to sign a waiver accepting the program requirements.

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Why does it cost to recycle my E-waste?

The fees are charged to cover the City's costs for handling and proper recycling.

What about the data on my hard drive?

You are responsible for the deletion of any data that may be contained with the computer hardware. Residents participating in the City's E-waste Recycling Program will be asked to sign a waiver accepting the program requirements.

What does the City do with the E-waste?

The items will be collected on a regular basis by a third party, for reuse or recycling.