

## E-waste Recycling

### Recycling Electronic Waste in Alice Springs

Australians are some of the highest users of technology in the world, so it's no surprise that e-waste is a growing problem, both here and around the world.

When sent to landfill, chemicals (such as lead, cadmium, and mercury) can leach out of the e-waste, causing damage to the environment and taking up valuable space in the landfill.

E-waste can be recycled through the Regional Waste Management Facility.

### **FREE e-waste recycling day is on the first Saturday of each month.**

Residents can recycle 5 items on the free day.

E-waste is transported interstate or even overseas to be recycled. When recycled, the valuable non-renewable resources such as gold, steel, copper, aluminium, and brass can be recovered.

#### **Accepted e-waste includes:**

- Personal Computers, Laptops, notebooks, tablets
- Plasma, LCD and Projection televisions
- Computer monitors
- Parts for personal computers, for example internal hard-drives, motherboards, cards
- CPU's DVD and CD Drives
- Computer peripherals, for example mice, keyboards, joysticks, game pads, scanners & web cameras
- Printers - for example ink-jet, dot matrix, laser printers and multi-functional devices
- Cords and cables

Please note it is the responsibility of the disposer to remove or destroy confidential or private information.

#### **Not accepted**

- Game consoles (e.g. Xbox's/ Playstations)
- Video recorders
- DVD players
- Radios/Stereos
- Power Tools
- Appliances/Microwaves
- Products that have been exposed to radiation, biological and chemical hazard.



### **Mobile Phones**

An estimated 22.5 million old or unused mobile phones are in homes across Australia. Fortunately mobile phones can be recycled for FREE in Mobile Muster bins located at a number of premises around town.

Mobile Muster bins are located at the Civic Centre, the Rediscovery Centre, the Alice Springs Public Library and other local businesses.

Mobile Muster recovers 90% of the materials in phone accessories, handsets, and batteries. Batteries are sorted into chemical types to recover nickel, cobalt, lithium and cadmium. Circuits are dismantled in order to recycle precious metals contained within them such as gold, silver, copper, and lead. Hard casings are recycled by plastic recyclers within Australia. These plastics are turned into things like shipping pallets and fence posts.

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