

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 e-waste, causing damage to the environment and taking up valuable space in landfill.

Your e-waste can be recycled through the Regional Waste Management Facility, Commonage Road, Alice Springs.

FREE e-waste recycling drop-off is available every day and residents can recycle 5 items per visit.

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

E-waste products ACCEPTABLE for recycling

- Televisions – Plasma, LCD & Rear-projection
- Printers and Multi-functional Devices (MFDs)
- Computers, includes:
 - CD/DVD Drives
 - Laptops / Notebooks
 - PDAs / Tablets
 - All other Computers
- Monitors and projectors including:
 - CRT Monitors and Projectors
 - LCD / Flat Panel Monitors
- Computer peripherals including:
 - Power supplies and adaptors
 - Cables
 - Parts and accessories / Hard drives / CPUs / Motherboards
 - Toners and ink cartridges contained with a printer where they cannot reasonably be removed

Please note – it is the responsibility of the person disposing the e-waste item to remove / erase all personal, confidential, or private information.



E-waste products NOT acceptable for recycling

- VHS / DVD / CD Players, Recorders
- Heaters / Fans
- Kitchen Appliances
 - Microwaves
 - Toasters / Kettles
 - Mixers / Blenders
- Radios / Stereos / Amplifiers / Speakers
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Power Tools
- Game Consoles (e.g. X-Box, Play Station, Nintendo, etc.)
- Products that have been exposed to radiation, and / or pose a biological or chemical hazard.

Mobile Phones

An estimated 22.5 million obsolete / 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 local businesses around town.

Council's Mobile Muster bins are located at the Civic Centre, Rediscovery Centre, and Alice Springs Public Library.

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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