

Did You Know...

- A single computer monitor can contain up to 8 pounds of lead!
- A CPU (computer processing unit) is packed with heavy metals such as silver, mercury, lead and more.

These materials are hazardous to humans and the environment. Make sure they're disposed of properly.

These Materials Don't Belong in the Trash!

Nationwide, more than 650 million computers will become obsolete, containing:

- 4 billion pounds of plastic
- 1 billion pounds of lead
- 400,000 pounds of mercury
- 1.9 million pounds of cadmium
- 1.2 million pounds of chromium

Fewer than 1 in 10 unwanted computers are rebuilt or recycled.

Visit the Basal Action Network (www.ban.org) to learn why exporting computers can be a bad idea.

When You Buy

Look for environmentally friendly design and manufacturing. Check whether the dealer offers a recycling program. Visit:

- www.productstewardship.net
- www.svtc.org/cleancc/pubs/2003report.htm

Before you buy a new computer, consider upgrading or repairing your existing model. A recent study shows the environment benefits when computers are used an extra two or three years before they are replaced.



Mercury Alert! Fluorescent Tubes

Fluorescent bulbs contain poisonous mercury.

Do not break compact fluorescents or the tube-shaped bulbs.

Take them to the Disposal of Toxics instead!

- 3505 Airport Drive
- 9-4 weekdays and the first Saturday of every month

They'll accept your other household hazardous products too! Call 380-4640 for details.

The listings here outline a variety of electronics reuse and recycling services in our area. Prices can change, and new companies are added regularly. Call the Whatcom County-sponsored Recycling Hotline for updates.

360-676-5723



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Computer Reuse and Recycling Opportunities



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N = Newer equipment only (generally 2–5 years old); must work. Call for specifics.

W = Working only; any age

REUSE

Also contact your favorite service provider. Look in the Yellow Pages under “Computers—Service & Repair” to sell working computers, also try classified ads, “Freecycle” on-line, or the E-bay “electronics” section.

	Computers	Monitors	Keyboards & Peripherals	Printers	Stated Disposal Method
3-D Computer Corp. 360-671-4906 8:30–5:30 Mon–Fri 1423 Railroad Ave., Bellingham	N (3-years or newer)	N (3-years or newer)	N (3-years or newer)	N (3-years or newer)	donated or sold
4-H Computer Wizards 360-676-6707 x50287 Call for drop-off information whatco4h@coopext.cahe.wsu.edu	N (Pentium II or better)	W	W	W	donated to English-language learners
Community Services for the Blind & Partially Sighted 800-472-2244 • Call to arrange pick-up	N (2-years or newer)	N (2-years or newer)	N (2-years or newer)	N (2-years or newer)	donated for resale
Computers for Kids in Need Nooksack, Washington 360-966-5777; call first	N (Pentium I or better)	W	W	W (with cartridges)	donated to needy families; recycles metals as needed
Data-Link West 360-734-8911 Call to arrange drop-off ericej@datalinkwest.com	W	W	W	W (no dot matrix)	reused; balance sent to disposal or recycling
Intellect Technology 360-676-7718 2417 Meridian #106, Bellingham	N (Pentium or better)				reused; recycles metal as needed
Kulshan Computer Services 360-756-0915 Call to arrange pick-up or drop-off recycle@kulshan.net	W				working components reused locally; nontoxics recycled locally; toxics shipped for recycling
MacMedic 360-733-9272 1200 Dupont St., Suite 1F, Bellingham	W (Macintosh/Apple only)				reused
Mobile Computer Service 360-676-7501 4200 Meridian #101B, Bellingham	W	W	W		reused; dispose or recycle balance
Northwest Computer Supplies 360-734-3400 1419 Cornwall, Bellingham 8:30–6 Weekdays; 10–6 Sat ethan@nwcomputersupplies.com	N (3-years or newer)	W (15-inches or larger)	W (3-years or newer)	W (no ink jet)	repaired and reused or locally donated; unusable material sent to disposal
RelyPC 360-756-0192 Call for pick-up	W (IBM compatible 400 MHz or better)	W	W	N	reused or donated
Whatcomputers 360-647-8222 1200 Harris Ave., #305, Bellingham 9–5 Weekdays and by appointment warren@whatcomputers.net	W (Pentium II or better)	W	W	N	reused or refurbished and donated to local family-oriented charities

RECYCLING

These businesses charge to recycle. Also check out manufacturers' pick-up services on-line. Try www.dell.com, www.hewlett-packard.com or your favorite manufacturer; search for “recycle.”

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The RE Store • 360-647-5921 9–5 Mon–Sat; 10–5 Sun 600 W. Holly St., Bellingham restore@re-sources.org	45¢/lb.	\$14/ea. (TVs \$19 each)	45¢/lb.	45¢/lb.	repaired and reused when possible; balance shipped to Seattle for approved domestic recycling
Vanishing Act • 360-671-8100 Pick-up service only within 5 miles of Bellingham	55¢/lb. \$40 minimum charge	\$18/each \$40 minimum charge	55¢/lb. \$40 minimum charge	55¢/lb. \$40 minimum charge	all materials recycled within the U.S.

LARGE QUANTITIES

	Computers	Monitors	Keyboards & Peripherals	Printers	Stated Disposal Method
Safety-Kleen • 425-775-7030 Call for appointment www.safety-kleen.com	All kinds of electronic equipment from phones to photocopiers are accepted at variable rates. All computer components are picked up for a fee.				all computer materials are recycled in the U.S.
Total Reclaim • 206-343-7443 Call for appointment www.totalreclaim.com	Accepts medium to large loads of electronic equipment from phones to photocopiers at competitive rates. Transportation services available.				monitor glass, plastic, and all metals are recycled within the U.S.

CELL PHONES

Call your wireless provider, drop off at Best Buy or check out www.wirelessfoundation.org/donateaphone