

140,000 tonnes of e-waste are disposed of annually in landfills.

Source: Environment Canada

What Should I Do With My Old Electronics?



Sell

...**To a buy-back website.** Online resellers such as **SellyourElectronics.ca** allow you to sell your old electronics for cash, or recycle them if they aren't worth anything. Once you receive a free quote online, print a pre-paid shipping label and mail your gadgets to the reseller.

...**On eBay or Craigslist.** Many people turn to these popular websites to sell a variety of items. eBay has partnered with the **Rethink Initiative** to help you sell, donate or recycle your old technology.

...**Back to the manufacturer.** Many manufacturers, including Apple, Sony, Toshiba and Hewlett-Packard offer trade-in programs that will pay market value for your computers and equipment, depending on the condition of these items. Visit the manufacturers' websites for more information.

Donate

Many non-profit organizations accept donations of electronic devices, especially computers and office equipment. Organizations such as **reBOOT Canada** (www.rebootcanada.ca) and **Computers for Schools** (www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cfs-ope.nsf/eng/home) provide refurbished computers to charities and schools across the country.

Things to Remember Before Donating

- Be sure to erase any private information from the hard drive.
- Call the receiving organization to make sure they will accept the type and condition of electronics you wish to donate.
- Write down what you donated; you may be eligible to write off a portion of the value of the items at tax time. Contact the **Canada Revenue Agency** for details.

Many cities host annual eWaste collection drives. Contact your town's public works department to see when the next one is scheduled.

Recycle

Since electronics are made of precious metals and hazardous materials, it's dangerous to send them to landfills. Electronics recycling recovers the usable materials from the device and safely disposes of the hazardous waste. Visit the **Electronic Recycling Association** website (www.era.ca) for more information.

