

Be Bright, Recycle Right!

WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE ELECTRONIC WASTE

TOP 10 CONTAMINANTS

1. Plastic Bags
2. Needles/Biohazardous Waste
3. Wire, hose, cords, rope & chains
4. Propane Tanks
5. Yard Waste/Wood
6. Motor Oil Containers
7. Electronics
8. Food Waste
9. Clothing/Shoes
10. Mercury Containing Objects



E-waste rejected from recycling plant
Photo by Mark Hooyer – Trans-Jordan

E-WASTE = HAZARDOUS WASTE

After eating past the point of a pleasant plump on Thanksgiving, you may have found yourself with thousands of others waiting to purchase the biggest flat screen television or latest cutting-edge electronic device. If you have upgraded your electronics, or your old ones no longer serve their purpose, you may be faced with the dilemma of where to send your unwanted electronics, also known as “e-waste”.

E-waste is hazardous waste that does not go in either curbside recycling or trash. Many newer devices prominently display an image warning against placing them in the trash. Some electronic devices contain harmful metals such as cadmium, chromium, barium and lead, which pose human health risks.

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Reusing is always better than recycling, so if the device is still in working condition, find a good home for it. If it is no longer working, bring it to your nearest e-waste recycling drop-off location. Many retailers provide special bins for e-waste drop off, and the Trans-Jordan Landfill accepts household e-waste recycling for free when received at our Public Convenience Center.

As our society continues to develop more products that “plug in” than ever before, wise and proper disposal of your old e-waste is the least you can do to help keep these toxic components out of our landfills and away from human exposure.

Q: Can florescent lightbulbs be recycled with glass?

A: No! They contain mercury and must be disposed of with hazardous waste. Do not bring florescent lightbulb to glass drop-off locations.



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