

# CRT and Electronic Waste

**Dispose of your electronic waste responsibly and safely.**

*CRT TV's, non-alkaline batteries, and fluorescent lights contain hazardous materials that require special collection. Electronic devices are made of a complex mix of materials that include gold, silver, copper, platinum, palladium, lithium, cobalt and other valuable elements that can be recovered if disposed of properly.*

## **Bring to Andover's Household CRT and Electronics Collection:**

This flyer will be updated with the 2023 date when it becomes available. Pre-registration will be required.

**Bring to a Retailer for Recycling:** Many retailers have recycling programs for items they sell. See pages 2-3 for more information.

**Private Waste Disposal Companies/Donation Options:** Search for waste disposal facilities/services that accept electronic waste. Metal scrappers/recyclers often take back some electronics. CRT (cathode-ray tube) TV's and monitors require special handling so be sure to confirm your items are acceptable.



## **CRT & Electronic Collection Items**

- Air conditioners
- Ballasts
- Computers/CPU's
- Fluorescent Lights
- Handheld Electronics
- All Non-alkaline Batteries
- Gaming Consoles
- Humidifiers & Dehumidifiers
- Microwaves
- Monitors
- Printers/Scanners
- TV's
- Tablets
- Smart Phones
- Speakers
- Stereos
- VCR/DVD Players

## Retailer Recycling Programs

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Many retailers have recycling programs for items they sell. The companies listed below have in-store recycling options for many of their electronics. Contact a local store for participation and pricing.

*More information can be found on retailers' websites.*

- [Batteries + Bulbs](#) — batteries, light bulbs, and small electronics
- [Spicket River Electronics](#) (Lawrence, MA) — electronics, batteries, light bulbs, scrap metal, medical equipment
- [Castaway Technologies](#) (Lawrence, MA) — all electronic waste including TVs
- [Staples](#) — office electronics and equipment
- [Best Buy](#) — electronics, printers, computers and accessories, vacuum cleaners, most TVs\*  
*\*see website for size restrictions*
- [Office Depot](#) — everyday office items (ink and toner cartridges, batteries, light bulbs and technology)
- [Home Depot](#) — batteries, fluorescent lights at participating locations
- **Lowe's** — batteries, CFL light bulbs at participating locations

## Metal Scrapers

*The following metal scrapers accept ferrous and non-ferrous metals. Please see their websites for more information or contact for specific items.*

- [Windfield Alloy](#) (Lawrence, MA) — electronics, appliances (white goods)
- [Anestis Metals](#) (Lawrence, MA) — appliances (white goods), anything that contains metal, no circuit boards

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## Donations

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Some charities refurbish electronics and sell them for cash if they are still usable. Others donate refurbished electronics to those in need. Please call for acceptable items before traveling to the location. More information can be found on their websites.

- [Goodwill](#) — computers and electronics (*partnered with Dell's Reconnect program*)
- [World Computer Exchange](#) (501(c), chapter in Andover) — gathers and refurbishes donated computers then ships them to partner schools in developing countries
- [Computers with Causes](#) — donates computers, networking equipment, and other electronics to families in need throughout the U.S.

## Beyond the Bin Recycling Directory

Find out where to recycle, reuse, or repurpose your old electronics at the Beyond the Bin Recycling Directory for Massachusetts at [recyclesearch.com/profile/ma](https://recyclesearch.com/profile/ma).

## MassDEP Regulations

*Two sets of MassDEP regulations control the management of e-waste. Cathode ray tubes (CRTs), which are found in older TVs and computer monitors, have been **banned from disposal through the Massachusetts Waste Bans** since April 2000. CRT TVs and monitors are made with leaded glass and contain an average of 4 pounds of lead each. Massachusetts passed the Mercury Management Act in 2008 which **prohibits the disposal of any product that contains mercury**. Flat screen monitors, TVs, and other devices that have a back-lit screen contain fluorescent lamps which have mercury. Fluorescent lamps and any other mercury-containing items, including button batteries, must be disposed of as hazardous waste.*

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