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Acceptable Materials for Ewaste Recycling

What exactly is Ewaste?

“Electronic waste” consists of discarded electronic equipment, such as computers, office equipment, games, cell phones, refrigerators and television sets. Compounds within these items are manufactured using materials which are harmful to the environment. Exposure to some of these materials, such as lead, cadmium, beryllium or brominated flame retardants poses a risk to workers. Many of these materials have significant reuse value when recycled.

How much Ewaste is there?

Rapid changes in technology, changes in media (tapes, software, MP3), falling prices and planned obsolescence have resulted in a fast-growing surplus of electronic waste around the globe. An estimated 50 million tons of Ewaste are produced each year. An estimated 70% of heavy metals in U.S. landfills come from discarded electronics; and, 30 million computers are discarded every year. And, according to UK figures, 100 million cell phones are discarded every year.

Ewaste you can recycle with Welsh Sanitation:

- Televisions
- Monitors
- Personal computers, keyboards and mice
- Small scale servers
- Fax machines
- Printers
- Scanners
- VCR/DVR/DVD players
- Portable digital music players
- Digital converter boxes
- Cable or satellite receivers
- Electronic or video game consoles

THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART TO RECYCLE!