

Compact Discs (CD's) and DVD Repair/Reuse/Recycling

Damaged CD's/DVD's can be repaired, and repair or reuse is definitely a better environmental option than recycling. You have some chance of repairing small numbers of obvious scratches with a mild abrasive such as toothpaste. Work only on the non-label side, with strokes radially out from the center. Professional refinishers such as [AuralTech CD Refinishing](#) will repair disks for a small fee and guarantee the results.

If you just don't like the CD/DVD, give or trade them at a music store, video rental store or donate them to a charity.

Obsolete or unrepairable CD's/DVD's and cases can be recycled. Recordable CD-R's have about 20mg of gold that can be recovered, and some processors can actually remove the data layer, and reuse the plastic disc. If you are worried about proprietary data, you can cut them with a pair of heavy duty tin shears.

Since CD's/DVD's are not very valuable, nobody will pay you for recycling. Send pre-paid by UPS Ground, third-class mail, freight or other surface transportation to *NESAR Systems, 420 Ashwood Road, Darlington, PA 16115 (724)827-8172* or *Digital Audio Disk Corporation, Attention: Disc Recycling Program, 1800 Fruitridge Ave., Terre Haute, IN 47804-1788,* (800)358-7316, (812)462-8100, (812)466-8866 fax, www.sdm.sony.com