

Computers Reuse/Recycling

Think before you put that computer in storage! Try to donate or recycle your old computers before they become totally obsolete (the EPA estimates that 75% of computers sit in storage for several years before finally getting thrown away)! For a list of places that might accept the computer, see <http://sharetechnology.org/>

If you've waited too long you'll have to recycle, not reuse. Electronics contain heavy metals and chemicals, and as of January 1, 2010, it will be illegal to landfill old Computers, Monitors, Laptops and TV's. On January 1, 2009, the State of Oregon initiated the Oregon E-Cycles Program. Oregon E-Cycles provides free recycling of computers, monitors and TVs. The program is financed by electronics manufacturers and jointly implemented with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Anyone can bring seven or fewer computers (desktops and laptops), monitors and TVs at a time to participating Oregon E-Cycles collectors for **free** recycling. The program does NOT provide free recycling of keyboards, mice, speakers, printers, scanners or other types of electronics or appliances. Oregon E-Cycles has statewide collection sites and services that operate year-round. All brands of computers, monitors and TVs are accepted for free recycling. DEQ requires participating recyclers to meet environmentally-sound management practices for safe handling and recycling of collected materials. Locally, the St. Helens Transfer Station is set up to receive and properly manage all electronic waste, or E-Waste. For more information on Oregon E-Cycles, click on www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ecycle/index.htm or call 1-888-5-ECYCLE. For information on recycling E-waste or appliances, contact the Columbia County Solid Waste Coordinator at 503.397.7263 or roy.weedman@co.columbia.or.us