Tips on Electronics Recycling

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What to recycle …

What you can do …

Get rid of it. Now!

• About 72% of all retired electronic products are stored for an average of three years. Electronic equipment loses value in storage, while needlessly occupying valuable storage space.
• Try to purchase only upgradable equipment. The goal is to extend the life of the product as long as possible before it needs to be discarded.
• Consider buying refurbished computer equipment. It not only reduces purchase costs, but also helps ensure the existence of markets for end-of-life equipment. There is a list of recycling and reuse businesses and non-profit organizations on the back page of this brochure.

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Reuse

Refurbish or upgrade electronic equipment and continue to use it or pass it on to others in the same home or company when new equipment is purchased. Refurbishing and upgrading can include moving to a higher processing speed or cleaning and replacing worn parts. Not all software applications require the latest, fastest computer.

Sell

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Send it back

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What to recycle …

Cables and Wire
Calculators
Cathodes
Cellular Pagers
Chips
Circuit Boards
Digital Equipment
Diskettes

Internet Sources for Additional Information
www.1800cleanup.org
www.dca.state.ga.us/solidwaste
www.electronicexchange.org
www.electronicsrecycling.net
www.epa.gov/commsense/computer
www.epa.gov/erp

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Businesses or organizations accepting used electronic equipment from individuals
In all cases, contact the organization or business before delivering materials
The Georgia Department of Community Affairs does not endorse or warrant the quality, reliability, or environmental compliance of any of the businesses or services referenced. It is the responsibility of individual users to conduct a personal evaluation of the businesses and Web sites listed.

A&B Recycling Inc.
212 First St.
Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. 30742
800-557-0726 or
706-869-7607
A&B Recycling Inc. is a business dealing primarily with corporations and businesses, but they will accept PCs, telecommunication equipment and TVs from individuals. They charge $7 for monitors and TVs, and may arrange for pickup only of tractor-trailer quantities of electronic equipment. Call first for details.

The Allegiance Group
173 Kilgore Rd.
Carrollton, Ga. 30117
770-830-8450
The Allegiance Group is a computer recycling and remarketing company with operations in Gulf Shore, Ala. and Camden, Conn. The company was formed in 1983. They deal primarily with businesses, but do accept small quantities from individuals. Pickups are arranged only for large quantities, individuals must deliver the equipment paid shipping costs. They accept, with no charge for monitors or Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) except a $2-$3 charge for terminals. Call first for details.

Allied Computer Brokers/Bax Q
www.baxq.net
5700 Talon Dr.
Atlanta, Ga. 30336
404-505-7878
Allied Computer Brokers/Bax Q is a broker accepting used electronic equipment, including peripheral equipment. They have other facilities in Pompano Beach, Fla., Newbury, Mass. and Phoenix, Ariz. They accept monitors for 25 cents per pound, and will accept small quantities from individuals, but will only arrange for pickup on larger loads. Call first for details.

Aramis Computer Salvage
337 Veterans Memorial Hwy.
Mabfison, Ga. 30067
770-732-9011
Aramis Computer Salvage is a dismantler and recycler of computer equipment and a scrap broker. They accept personal and automated machines and charge $10 for each terminal monitor and $5 each for SVGA monitors. May arrange for pickup within Cobb County and possibly within metro Atlanta area. Call first for details.

Free Bytes
www.freebyt es.org
RD. Box 550931
Lindbergh Plaza, Suite D1000
Atlanta, Ga. 30335
404-846-8414
Free Bytes is a non-profit group that refurbishes used computer equipment for donation to other non-profit organizations. Due to high volume, Free Bytes is requesting a $10-$20 donation for systems older than five years, given the higher cost to refurbish or recycle them. Call to arrange for pickup of loads of 20 or more items or to schedule a drop-off of equipment.

Henry County Recycling Center
65 West Ashbury Road
McDonough, Ga. 30253
770-957-8073
The Henry County Recycling Center is a non-profit collector of recyclable materials, including electronic equipment. They prefer working units with software included. There is no charge for monitors. They accept TVs and microwaves with a $5 per-unit charge. No arrangements for pickups are available. Call first for details.

Imaging Specialty Company, Inc.
www.imagingspecialty.com
2520 Park Central Blvd.
Decatur, Ga. 30035
770-808-2155
Imaging Specialty Company, Inc. is a for-profit collector and processor of data-processing equipment. They accept primarily printers and PCs, but do not accept televisions. They deal primarily with governments and businesses, but will accept from individuals. There is a charge for older equipment and they may arrange for pickup. Call first for details.

MARC/Str., Ltd.
www.marcshomedotcom.com
2455 Stone Mountain-Lithonia Road
Lithonia, Ga. 30058
770-482-1744
MARC/Str., Ltd. is a computer and electronics recycler and resale company headquartered in Glen Flora, Wis., with operations in Lithonia, Ga. and Syracuse, N.Y. They accept any quantity of any electronic and computer equipment. There is a $7.50 charge for monitors. Pickups may be arranged, but only for medium to large loads. Call first for details.

Materials for the Arts
www.ci.atlanta.g a/dept/jrc/arts/ cultural/MFA.htm
675 Pence de Leon Ave., 5th floor
Atlanta, Ga. 30308
404-817-6815
MFA is a non-profit organization affiliated with the City of Atlanta, collecting material for distribution to the arts community. They accept only working televisions, computers and peripherals, stereo, radios and VCRs. There is no charge to donate equipment and donors may qualify for a tax deduction. Call first for details.

Mercury Waste Solutions
2129 Northlake Pkwy, Suite 121
Marietta Ga. 30067
770-753-8000
Mercury Waste Solutions is a processor and recycler accepting used electronic equipment, including personal computers and televisions. They deal primarily with businesses, but do accept from individuals. They charge for pick-up and charge a per-pound rate for equipment. Call first for details.

MicroSeconds
6427 Roswell Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Ga. 30328
404-255-7271
Duluth location: 3505 Gwinnett Place Dr., Duluth, Ga. 30316. 770-232-1011
MicroSeconds are retail stores buying used personal computers, printers, software, memory, drives, monitors, CPUs and most other components. They only accept working, B3P compatible equipment running at 230 v about 10 feet. There is no charge for monitors but they must be working. Will not pick up materials. Call first for details.

Project Reboot
www.gulf.org
4900 Lewis Road
Stone Mountain, Ga. 30083
770-691-6190
Project Reboot is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Georgia Department of Labor’s Traveling Workforce for Life program and Touch the Future, Inc. Donated systems are refurbished and distributed to people with disabilities at no charge for basic systems. They accept only Pentium and above grade personal computers, and monitors and printers. There is no charge for monitors, but they are only accepted as part of a system. They may arrange for pickup of large quantities from businesses, government and institutions. Call first for details.

A&B Recycling Inc.
recycle@awnvi.com
Contact:  Bernard Hall
Hours:  Mon-Fri, 8-5
Established: 1995

MicroSeconds
Contact:  Gary Blockledge
Hours:  Mon, 10-7; Sat, 10-6
Established: 1994

Project Reboot
Contact:  Carolynn P. Phillips
Hours:  Mon-Fri, 9-5
Established: 2001

Ringoeld Computer Salvage
service@ringgoldcomputer salvage.com
3502 Hwy. 41
Ringgold, Ga. 30736
706-935-3888
Ringoeld Computer Salvage is a processor and recycler of electronic equipment, including data processing equipment, computers and peripherals, fax machines, printers and copiers. They will pick up equipment. They deal primarily with businesses, but will accept from individuals. See Web site for rates and call first for details.

Southeastern Computer Recycling Corp.
info@secrec.com
Contact:  Scott Brown
Hours:  Mon-Fri, 9-5
Established: 1998

Students Recycling Used Technology
jitterett@sandervillesc hooltech.org
Airport Road
Sandvilles, Ga. 31082
478-552-2560
Students Recycling Used Technology is a non-profit project of the Sandvilles Technical College Foundation. Students repair computer equipment for donation to charities. May arrange for pickup of equipment. Call first for details.

Tech Corps Georgia
www.techcorpsgeorgia.org
1514 E. Cleveland Ave., Suite 110
East Point, Ga. 30344
404-764-9990
TECH CORPS Georgia is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bridge the “Digital Divide” in low-income K-12 educational communities, by providing computer and software training to teachers, students and parents. They provide Internet ready computers to clients enrolled in technology education programs. Therefore, they have specific donation requirements: They only accept working, B3P-compatible equipment that is Pentium 100 grade or better. See their Web site for exact donation requirements. There is no charge for monitors brought in with a CPU, but they must be functioning. There is no charge for working VGA, SVGA or 14” or greater color monitors brought in without a CPU.

Zentech
info@zentech.org
Contact:  Julian Powell
Hours:  Mon, Wed and Thurs, 10-6; Tues, 10-8, Sat, 10-3
Established: 1993

Zentech is a for-profit broker dealing with personal computer CPUs, monitors, wire and cable, and software. They will refurbish computer equipment wholesale and retail. They also accept equipment and may begin accepting TVs, to call if service has begun. They charge $10 for monitors, accept small quantities from individuals, and can arrange for pickup of equipment. Call first for details.

For an updated version of the list, check DCC’s Markets Directory at:
http://www.data.state.ga.us/oldsite/Recycling/default.asp
Or, try the Earth’s 911 Web site, www.1800Cleanup.org or call the environmental hotline, 1-800-Cleanup.