



Who is behind all this?

Ontario Electronic Stewardship is the industry organization responsible for implementing the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Program, according to the *Waste Diversion Act, 2002*. The WEEE Program was developed with Waste Diversion Ontario (www.wdo.ca).



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Help keep
unwanted
electronics
out of
landfill

DO WHAT YOU CAN



What products are included?

At this time, the program includes:

- desktop and laptop computers
- keyboards, mice and other peripherals
- monitors
- printers (desktop)
- disk drives
- fax machines
- televisions

Other electronics such as cell phones and cameras will be added in later phases of the program.

For information about collection locations, tips and frequently asked questions, visit

www.dowhatyoucan.ca

How this program works and how it affects you

What is the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Program all about?

The WEEE Program will increase opportunities for Ontarians to recycle old, unwanted electronics and keep them out of landfill. This industry-led program is setting up a network of collection points across Ontario where people will be able to drop off designated electronic equipment, and be assured they will be reused, recycled or disposed of in an environmentally responsible way.

Where do I take these materials?

Many municipalities currently accept used electronic equipment at their depots or on special event days. In addition, Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES), the not-for-profit industry organization that has developed and is implementing the program, is working with industry to set up more collection locations in or near your community. To find a location near you, go to dowhatyoucan.ca and choose “electronics”, or call 1-888-646-1820.

Shouldn't we reuse before recycling?

By all means. Check with your friends and family first or visit dowhatyoucan.ca (choose “electronics”) to find out which organizations accept equipment that still works or can be refurbished. As always, be sure to back up your data and wipe your drives clean.

How do I find collection locations?

Visit dowhatyoucan.ca to search for collection locations by municipality, postal code or material type.

How is the program being funded?

The brand owners, first importers, and assemblers of electronic equipment (called “stewards”) pay a fee to OES. The fees are used exclusively to recycle your old electronics responsibly and to keep them out of Ontario’s landfills. The funds pay for the program’s cost, including the collection, transportation, reuse and recycling, research and development, and consumer education.

When does the program begin?

April 1, 2009.

Why is the website called Do What You Can?

Do What You Can is a website created especially to help Ontario residents find collection sites for different types of household waste. Dowhatyoucan.ca allows you to search for these collection sites by municipality, by postal code or by material type. One section of the site deals with household hazardous or special waste such as leftover paint, non-rechargeable batteries and empty propane cylinders while the other section provides information on collection sites for electronics.

The idea is a simple one – to do a better job of recovering these materials by creating more opportunities to take them to local collection events, sites or facilities. This way, we will keep these materials out of Ontario’s landfills and protect the environment.

The name *Do What You Can* recognizes that we can all do more to help improve the environment through the 3Rs (reduce, reuse and recycle).