

Electronics & Appliance Events

Program Considerations

- **Single vs. Multi municipality.** Will you provide services for just your residents, partner with other municipalities to provide services, or accept any County resident to participate? Partnering with municipalities or accepting all residents can reduce the need to check IDs.
- **Event vs. Permanent Collection.** Will you host special events where a vendor will be on site the entire time residents can drop off material or will you allow the vendor to collect the material as space demands it?
- **Promotions.** Will you promote your collection to residents through your municipal channels? Will you share information with the County to use for phone call inquiries? Do you want your collection listed on the County website?

Vendor Considerations

- **Materials Accepted.** What materials will the vendor accept? How will they be disposed of? Will items be reused if possible? When will items be landfilled?
- **DNR Registration.** Is the vendor registered with the DNR as a collector or a recycler? This is highly recommended. Will your municipality register with the DNR for reporting?
- **Environmental Certifications.** Electronics recyclers have the option to obtain many industry certifications to show they are responsibly handling material. The most common include e-stewards and R2 certifications.
- **Experience.** What is the company's experience?
- **Liability and Financial Assurances.** What protections will you have?
- **Customer service to both the municipality and residents.** What is the company's experience?
- **References.** Ask for and check multiple references including checking with the DNR.

Technical Assistance

The County can provide a wide variety of technical assistance including providing sample contracts. Please contact our office at 262-896-8300 to speak with a staff member.

DNR Resources

[Local government e-waste fact sheet from the DNR](#)

[Tips for choosing a responsible collector or recycler from the DNR](#)

[What happens when I e-cycle poster and other DNR outreach items](#) including articles, graphics, and videos.

Program Background

The e-recycling law was originally passed in 2009. It bans certain electronics including TVs, computers/monitors/accessories, tablets, cell phones, and other items from being thrown away in the landfill. Responsible Units for recycling must educate their residents about the landfill ban, the importance of recycling these items, and local recycling options. Local municipalities do not have to provide options for recycling electronics.