

NC Statewide Ban on Disposal of Computer Equipment and TVs - July 1, 2011



Legislators in Raleigh made the **recovery** and **recycling** of electronics a priority in North Carolina. **Beginning July 1, 2011, computer equipment and televisions are banned from disposal in landfills.**

The focus is on two types of electronics:

 **Computer equipment** – CPU's, monitors, keyboards, printers, mice, game controllers and joy sticks, and anything that connects to your computer.

 **Televisions** – all types of tv's, including flat screens, projection tv's and consoles.

As of July 1st, it will be illegal to dispose of these items in the trash.

These items account for the largest portion of consumer electronics found in our waste stream. It is estimated that upwards of **50,000 tons** of computers and peripherals are discarded in North Carolina each year, along with more than **30,000 tons** of televisions. However, there are lots of other electronics, including stereo equipment, cell phones, electronic toys and games and other household items that could combine to total more than **100,000 tons** annually!

Keeping these materials out of landfills will serve both an environmental and economic purpose. Landfill space is at a premium in North Carolina, so removing these items from our waste stream will save a great deal of this space for materials that cannot be reused or recycled. In addition, Guilford County, North Carolina and the southeastern United States are home to a large number of recycling processors. Feeding these businesses with the materials they need helps to keep money and jobs here in our local communities.

What Can You Do?

Everyone in Guilford County has access to a safe, FREE **electronics recycling** program. Two new **drop-off** electronics recycling sites have been opened:

 **Guilford County Scrap Tire & White Goods Recycling Center** – 2138 Bishop Road, Greensboro – (336) 294-9431. This location is currently open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

 **Guilford County Sheriff's Prison Farm** – 7315 Howerton Road, Gibsonville – (336) 449-4720. This location is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. seven days a week.

These sites offer a convenient, safe and secure way to dispose of household electronics and virtually anything with a plug. Items collected are stored, transported and processed securely at a local facility. So **recycling** is safer and easier than ever!

Accepted Items Through the Electronics Recycling Program

[Click here for a listing of accepted items](#)

For more information, contact Guilford County Environmental Services at 641- 3792.