

SOUTH CAROLINA E-WASTE LAW

**New Convenience Standard to
Support E-Waste Recycling**

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South Carolina Electronics Recycling Law

- Original law revised June 2022. First year of operation was 2023
- Moved from “Recycled Pound Target” to “Convenience” program
- Television and Computer Monitor manufacturers required to support recycling for all like products from specific locations
- Requires year round support - eliminates service “cut off” after pound target met
- Designed to provide more support to local governments – save money



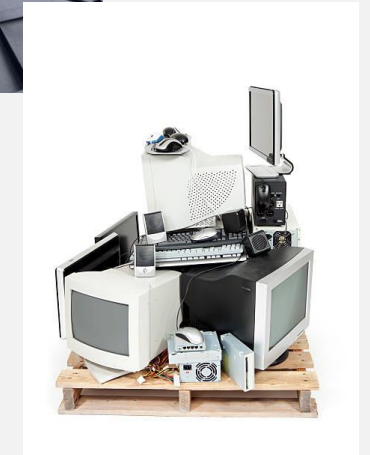
What Do Changes Mean?

- Any County that wants manufacturer support can “Opt In” to participate in the program. Counties can opt out prior to start of the year if desired <https://ecyclingro.org/contentpage.aspx?pageid=5>
- County not opted in? Towns with population over 17,000 can Opt in to another Opt in County if they want support but their County doesn't Opt in
- Counties that Opt in guaranteed a minimum number of collection sites or one-day events, based on population
- Manufacturers must cover all costs for recycling, packaging, transportation for all covered devices for Opt-in locations
- Counties or local governments cover collection costs



How Does the Program Work - Counties

- If choose to be covered by manufacturers, must “Opt In” to Manufacturer Clearinghouse by May 1.
- Decide if County wants support at collection site(s) or 1-day events; specify where County wants service
- Decide and arrange local collection (provide or contract for labor and equipment to assist with stacking, packaging, loading)
- Register as collectors annually by November if collecting
- Work with Manufacturer Plan assigned to County to ensure smooth service at start of new year. Plan and recycler are assigned to your County around June or July for upcoming calendar year.



How Does the Program Work - Manufacturers

- Television and Computer Monitor manufacturers can participate individually or participate in “Clearinghouse.” Must submit a Plan to South Carolina DHEC for approval.
- Must cover all recycling, packaging, transportation costs for televisions and computer monitors from Opt-in County and/or local locations
- Provide service to all Opt-in locations assigned to Manufacturer Plan by Clearinghouse. Clearinghouse calculates manufacturers’ responsibility and assigns recycling locations.
- Either work directly or assign a recycler to work with Opt-in Counties to plan and deliver smooth service
- Respond to County service needs and requests



Information

- Year One (2023): 19 Counties Opted in, 11.7 million pounds recycled
- Counties can ask for information from DHEC, Manufacturer Clearinghouse, Manufacturer Plan assigned to them, the recycler servicing County locations
- Think about how to handle printers or other non-covered items
- Ensure you receive reports and information you want (for example: manufacturers conduct substantial due diligence and should be able to provide)
- Provide feedback to the manufacturer plans – it's in everyone's interest to have a successful program



Thank You

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