

RECYCLING

# One Man's Trash



That outdated cell phone or broken television may look ready for the curb, but once they hit the landfill, discarded electronics—known as e-waste—can release hazardous substances like lead and mercury into the soil. The push to recycle what has become the nation's fastest growing trash stream has launched safe-disposal programs locally and nationally. Below are a few places where you can put your e-waste back to good use. (Visit [Earth911.org](http://Earth911.org) for a complete list of e-waste-accepting locations in Rhode Island.) —COURTNEY ANDERSON

**RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION**  
65 Shun Pike, Johnston,  
942-0239, [rirrc.org](http://rirrc.org)

**YOUR LOCAL POST OFFICE**  
1-800-ASK-USPS, [USPS.com](http://USPS.com)



**HOME DEPOT**  
[Homedepot.com](http://Homedepot.com)



**STAPLES**  
[Staples.com](http://Staples.com)



**CIRCUIT CITY**  
[circuitcity.com](http://circuitcity.com)



What they take	What you should know	Fees
Pretty much anything, except industrial copiers and printers.	The RIRRC website lists all upcoming drop-off dates at their facility and at various satellite locations around the state; the next drop-off day is December 6 in Johnston.	\$5 per television; \$5 for computers on days not designated for drop-off.
Cell phones, ink cartridges, digital cameras and other small electronics.	Participating branches carry postage-paid envelopes big enough to hold one small electronic device. Call your local branch to see if they stock envelopes.	Free.
Compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs.	Consumers can return used, unbroken CFL bulbs to any Home Depot location in the country; an environmental management company safely recycles them.	Free.
Ink and toner cartridges, computers, monitors, laptops, printers, faxes, cell phones, digital cameras, pagers, PDAs and rechargeable batteries.	Get \$3 toward a future purchase of ink or toner when you turn in HP, Lexmark or Dell cartridges. Cell phones and other small electronics are refurbished if possible and donated to charity through Staples' nonprofit partner Collective Good.	\$10 per piece of large equipment; small electronics are free.
Pretty much anything that they sell in their stores (save the large appliances), from camcorders to computers to iPods.	Enter the information for the electronics you wish to get rid of on Circuit City's website. They'll send you an estimate of what it's all worth, along with a pre-paid shipping label, and issue you a Circuit City gift card for that amount.	Free. They pay you.

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