

# Why Recycle Computers and TVs?

Computers and televisions make up the fastest growing category of municipal solid waste called electronic waste (or e-waste). While advances in technology continue to improve and enrich our lives, product lifecycles are getting shorter and shorter leaving a large stockpile of materials to manage and dispose of. E-waste currently makes up approximately 5% of the solid waste stream at our landfills.

Computers and televisions contain several toxic materials including lead, mercury, cadmium and fire retardants that make up 70% of the overall toxic waste found at our landfills caused by electronic waste. These toxic materials contaminate our soils, groundwater, surface water and air when they are landfilled or improperly disposed. Choosing to recycle ensures that these materials are properly disassembled, recycled and disposed of. Recycling will reduce the amount of toxic materials in our environment and ultimately protect our health.

**Use this guide to find information about how to and where to recycle e-waste.**

## AREA COMPUTER BUSINESSES

**Many of the following businesses limit the number of computers they will accept. Call the business to confirm acceptance guidelines.**

### **Bridgeport Computer Service**

6161 Dixie Highway, Bridgeport  
989-777-7458

### **CompuTech**

104 W. Belle Avenue, St. Charles  
989-865-6650

### **Computer Country**

146 S. Main, Suite 5, Frankenmuth  
989-652-8744

### **Computer Pros**

7950 Gratiot, Saginaw (Shields)  
989-781-4600

### **Computer Tech Group**

667 Watson Road, Hemlock  
989-642-8559

### **Cyber Tech Systems**

3215 Bay Road, Saginaw  
989-793-7920

### **Ramjet Sales**

622 Gratiot, Saginaw  
989-793-3200

# AREA COMPUTER RETAILERS

## Best Buy

4406 Bay Road  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
989-799-8266

Effective February 15, 2009:

2 units per household

Includes: Televisions and monitors up to 32", Computer CPUs and notebooks, small electronics, VCR and DVD players, phones, and accessories such as keyboards, mice and remotes

A \$10 recycling fee per unit will be charged for items with screens, such as televisions, laptop computers and monitors (recycling at California stores and any Best Buy-branded products will not incur this fee). Although there is a small charge, recyclers will instantly receive a \$10 Best Buy gift card in exchange for the recycling fee. No TVs or monitor screens larger than 32" or console TVs will be accepted.

**Other Recycling Programs:** Free recycling of cell phones, inkjet cartridges, NiCad batteries, rechargeable batteries, CDs, DVDs, and PDA/smart phones.

**Best Buy Tech Trade-In Program:** Trade in various, gently used electronics for a Best Buy gift card. For more details visit [www.bestbuytradein.com/bb](http://www.bestbuytradein.com/bb).

## RadioShack

[www.radioshack.com](http://www.radioshack.com)

RadioShack Online Trade-In Program: Exchange used, portable electronics for a RadioShack gift card. Items accepted include: Car Audio Head Units, Digital Cameras and Camcorders, Game Consoles and Media, GPS Devices, MP3 Players, Notebook Computers, and Wireless Phones.

## Sam's Club

5656 Bay Road  
Saginaw, MI 48604  
989-790-0954

Sam's Club Trade-in and Recycle Program: Sam's Club Members can trade in qualified used electronics items for a Sam's Club gift card for the value of your item. If item doesn't qualify, they will help you recycle it. Qualified items include: Desktop and notebook computers, LCD screens, Printers, Digital cameras and camcorders, MP3 players and video game consoles. For more information call 866-233-4246.

## Staples

Saginaw Square Shopping Center  
2860 Tittabawassee Road  
Saginaw, MI 48604  
989-793-9123

All brands are accepted, regardless of whether or not the equipment was purchased at Staples. A recycling fee of \$10 per piece of large equipment is charged to cover handling, transport, product disassembly and recycling. Smaller computer peripherals such as keyboards, mice, and speakers are accepted at no charge. For additional details call the store or visit [www.staples.com/sbd/content/about/soul/recycling.html](http://www.staples.com/sbd/content/about/soul/recycling.html)

**Other Recycling Programs:** Ink and toner cartridges, cell phones and other personal electronics, and rechargeable batteries.

## NATIONAL COMPUTER MANUFACTURERS

### Dell

800-761-3355  
[www.dell.com](http://www.dell.com)

Free recycling of old PC (no matter the brand) when a new Dell desktop or notebook is purchased online by selecting the free recycling option.

Dell Exchange Program: Free on-line trade-in system for customers to trade in unwanted computer equipment in exchange for a Dell gift card. Trade-ins include computers and consumer electronics such as digital cameras and video game consoles. More info available at <http://dell.eztradein.com/dell/>.

**Donate used computer equipment:** In the US, this program is made possible through a partnership with the National Cristina Foundation (NCF). Donating your used IT equipment to the National Cristina Foundation (NCF) benefits you by giving you a tax receipt for the equipment, and benefits others by providing the equipment to individuals who might otherwise not have access to computer technology.

**Other Recycling Programs:** Free printer, ink & toner recycling with the purchase of each item. Accepts printers, ink and toner from any manufacturer.

### Gateway

800-846-2000  
[www.gateway.com/about/corp\\_responsibility/env\\_recycle.php](http://www.gateway.com/about/corp_responsibility/env_recycle.php)

Gateway Trade-In and Recycle Program: customers can trade-in or recycle accepted technology products.

### Hewlett-Packard (\$13-\$34 per item fee)

800-752-0900  
[www.hp.com/hpinfo/globalcitizenship/environment/return/index.html](http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/globalcitizenship/environment/return/index.html)

HP Trade-In Program: Receive the fair market value of aging technology and upgrade to new HP technology. Covers every product category and accepts HP and non-HP products

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**Other Recycling Programs:** Recycle HP Inkjet and LaserJet cartridges for free, recycle any brand of computer hardware, drop locations for rechargeable batteries in the US and Canada.

### **Toshiba**

888-255-7816

[www.toshiba.com](http://www.toshiba.com)

Toshiba Free Electronic Program: Recycle old electronics, regardless of the brand, at no cost to you. A trade in option available to trade in used products for cash. Also accepts e-waste that has no market value for recycling without requiring consumers to purchase Toshiba products. A few of these items are: Cameras and camcorders, GPS navigation systems, Laptops, MP3 players, PDAs, Projectors, Servers, and Tablet PCs.

## **OTHER COMPUTER RECYCLING PROGRAMS**

### **Goodwill Industries**

Fashion Square Store Donation Site  
3180 Bay Plaza  
Saginaw, MI 48604  
Phone: (989) 799-5417

Saginaw Store Donation Site  
405 S. Michigan Ave  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
Phone: (989) 799-4144

Accepts all working and non-working computers for recycling.

### **Salvation Army**

530 West Genesee Ave  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-754-9151

Accepts computer donations  
Call 1-800-562-3834 for pick-ups.

**Other Recycling Programs:** cell phones

### **WM Recycle America**

1957 Findley, Saginaw  
989-754-6511  
[www.recycleamerica.com/services/ecycling.asp](http://www.recycleamerica.com/services/ecycling.asp)

Offers free recycling for Sony and LG products. Other brands are charged a recycling fee of \$.40 per pound.

## TELEVISION REUSE/REPAIR

The following businesses have agreed to let MMWA provide their contact information to residents that have working TVs or newer TVs to get rid of.

Businesses vary on type and age of TV they will accept. Some have limited space for resale. Call before dropping off TV to confirm acceptance guidelines.

BUSINESS	ADDRESS	PHONE	NOTES
Black Sheep Electronics/Radio Shack Dealer	249 W. Saginaw St. Hemlock	642-3752	Call first. Accepts working and some non-working. May also qualify for a trade in.
Budget Electronics	3165 Shattuck Rd. Saginaw	793-8434	Accepts TV's 10 years or newer
Gacek TV	6371 Bridgeport Village Square Bridgeport	777-0060	Call first. Has limited space. Wants make and model.
ReStore Saginaw	315 W. Holland Saginaw	754-9435	Will accept all working TVs.
Steve's TV	3270 Bay Rd. Saginaw	793-6819	Accepts working and non-working TVs 10 years or newer