

TV Takeback Programs Try Harder In States With Strong Electronics Recycling Laws

More than 70% of collection sites are in states where law requires TV takeback

Six major television manufacturers have now launched national voluntary programs to take back and recycle their old TVs and other products: **Sony, Samsung, LG, Panasonic, Toshiba and Sharp**. All six companies are to be commended for offering voluntary free takeback, especially when other companies like Vizio, Philips, Funai (Emerson and many "house" brands), Mitsubishi, Hitachi, Sanyo, Westinghouse, and Thomson (RCA) have no takeback program.

But a closer look at where these companies offer collection sites shows that the bulk of the sites (around 75%) in the voluntary programs are in states which have laws in effect (or coming into effect later this year) that require the TV companies to take back their old products.

Information below is as of March 1, 2009.

State	TV Company Takeback Sites			Does State Have E-Waste Recycling Law?			
	Sony and LG (Use same sites).	Samsung	MRM: Panasonic Toshiba & Sharp	Start Date of state-mandated program	Total # collection sites in state	TVs included in law?	State Population
Yellow means state has mandatory TV takeback law in effect by 12/31/2009							
Alabama	1	2	<u>2</u>				4,627,851
Alaska	1	2	<u>2</u>				683,478
Arizona	2	3	<u>3</u>				6,338,755
Arkansas	1	2	<u>2</u>				2,834,797
California	25	32	<u>2</u>	Jan. 2005	509	Yes	36,553,215
Colorado	5	3	<u>4</u>				4,861,515
Connecticut	2	17	<u>15</u>	1-Jul-09	116	Yes	3,502,309
D. C.	0	1	<u>2</u>				864,764
Delaware	1	2	<u>2</u>				588,292
Florida	6	5	<u>2</u>				18,251,243
Georgia	1	3	<u>2</u>				9,544,750
Hawaii	2	2	<u>2</u>	1-Jan-10		No	1,283,388
Idaho	1	3	<u>2</u>				1,499,402
Illinois	5	4	<u>9</u>	Jan. 1, 2010		Yes	12,852,548
Indiana	6	2	<u>2</u>				6,345,289
Iowa	5	3	<u>2</u>				2,988,046
Kansas	1	1	<u>2</u>				2,775,997
Kentucky	1	3	<u>2</u>				4,241,474
Louisiana	1	3	<u>2</u>				4,293,204
Maine *	182	182	<u>182</u>	Jan. 2006	182	Yes	1,317,207

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Maryland	1	3	<u>3</u>	<u>2006 -2010</u>	323	Yes	5,618,344
Massachusetts	9	1	<u>2</u>				6,449,755
Michigan	5	2	<u>2</u>	1-Apr-10		Yes	10,071,822
Minnesota	20	14	<u>69</u>	<u>Aug. 2007</u>	226	Yes	5,197,621
Mississippi	1	2	<u>2</u>				2,918,785
Missouri	1	3	<u>2</u>	<u>1-Jul-09</u>		No	5,878,415
Montana	8	3	<u>2</u>				957,861
Nebraska	2	3	<u>2</u>				1,774,571
Nevada	1	4	<u>2</u>				2,565,382
New Hampshire	2	1	<u>3</u>				1,315,828
New Jersey	2	4	<u>2</u>	Jan. 1, 2011	No info	Yes	8,685,920
New Mexico	1	1	<u>2</u>				1,969,915
New York State	5	2	<u>2</u>		67		19,297,729
North Carolina	2	3	<u>2</u>	<u>Jan. 1, 2010</u>	123	Yes	9,061,032
North Dakota	2	2	<u>1</u>				639,715
Ohio	5	3	<u>2</u>				11,466,917
Oklahoma	1	4	<u>3</u>	<u>Jan. 1, 2009</u>		No	3,617,316
Oregon	41	2	<u>35</u>	<u>Jan. 1, 2009</u>	219	Yes	3,747,455
Pennsylvania	3	1	<u>4</u>				12,432,792
Rhode Island	1	21	<u>1</u>	<u>1-Feb-09</u>	1	Yes	1,057,832
South Carolina	1	3	<u>2</u>				4,407,709
South Dakota	1	3	<u>2</u>				796,214
Tennessee	1	7	<u>2</u>				6,156,719
Texas	5	5	<u>40</u>	<u>Sept. 1, 2008</u>		No	23,904,380
Utah	4	2	<u>3</u>				2,645,330
Vermont	1	3	<u>2</u>				621,254
Virginia	1	1	<u>2</u>	<u>1-Jul-09</u>		No	7,712,091
Washington*	225	225	225	<u>Jan. 1, 2009</u>	306	Yes	6,468,424
West Virginia	1	7	<u>6</u>	<u>Jan. 1, 2009</u>		Yes	1,812,035
Wisconsin	9	1	<u>2</u>				5,601,640
Wyoming	1	2	<u>1</u>				522,830
Total	609	610	669		2,072		301,621,157
# sites in States with TV takeback laws in effect by 12/31/09	495	500	534				
% of sites in states with laws	81%	82%	80%				

* Washington state program is run collectively by all manufacturers, not by individual companies. 225 out of 306 sites in WA program accept TVs for free. Similarly, all sites in Maine accept all brands.

Link to [Sony](#) collection site locator

Link to [LG](#) collection site locator

Link to [Samsung](#) collection site locator

Link to [MRM](#) collection site locator (For Panasonic, Sharp, Toshiba)