

TV Recycling Report Card Grading For: Philips

The Talk: Philips doesn't even talk the talk. Here's what their website says about recycling: *"Check with your local or state organizations on the proper disposal methods or disposal restrictions in your area."*

The Walk: Philips has no takeback program.

About Philips: Philips has resisted the concept of manufacturer takeback and recycling for years, lobbying vigorously against takeback legislation. Philips has recently stopped making TVs for the US market, and licensed its Philips and Magnavox brand names to Funai for 5 years.



Category	Possible Points	Points Given	Details
Scope of US takeback recycling program			
Offers free convenient national takeback recycling for their branded TVs for individual consumers	25	0	
Offers free national takeback recycling for a larger scope of their branded products in addition to TVs	8	0	
Offers free national takeback recycling for other customers – not just individual consumers	3	0	
Offers to take products from other brands for free or a nominal charge	2	0	
Subtotal	38	0	
Provides responsible recycling			
Signed Manufacturers Commitment to Responsible Electronics Recycling	15	0	Their recycling webpage points users to the MyGreenRecycling website run by the Consumer Electronics Association. But the CEA site does no screening of these recyclers, so it includes e-waste exporters, including the one recently exposed on 60 minutes.
Other public commitment to not export to developing countries/use prison labor/landfill/incinerate toxic materials*	5	0	
Publishes full recycling standards on company website	5	0	
Use only E-Stewards as recyclers	5	0	
Discloses recycling and refurbishing vendors on company website	5	0	
Discloses countries where final disposal/recycling of toxic materials occurs	7	0	
Subtotal	37	0	

Volumes and visibility			
Has ambitious collection and recycling goals expressed as a percent of sales or other measures	2	0	
Significant volume of e-waste collected and recycled nationally and publicly reported as a percent of sales or other measure	10	0	
Easy to find recycling information on company website	3	1	They got one point for having a recycling web page. But it's not easy to find.
Subtotal	15	1	
Public policy			
Statement of support and active work in support of producer takeback recycling legislation with performance goals for manufacturers at the state level	5	0	Philips has lobbied vigorously against state recycling bills to establish producer responsibility.
Statement of support and active work on federal legislation to ban the export of toxic electronic waste to developing nations	5	0	
Subtotal	10	0	
	Total Possible	Total Earned	
TOTAL SCORE	100	1	Grade: F

Company websites

If there were helpful information it would be found at: <http://www.recycle.philips.com/>