

Brief Comparison of State Laws on Electronics Recycling

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States with Producer Responsibility Laws										
Connecticut	July 6, 2007	July 1, 2009 start up delayed. Began Fall of 2010, once recyclers approved.	TVs, monitors, personal computers, laptops. Printers added via regulations.	Consumers or any resident dropping off 7 or fewer products at once	Return Share. Municipalities arrange for collection and transportation to recyclers, Recyclers bill the manufacturers	No	State will establish statewide collection goals by Oct 2010	No	Yes effective Jan 2011	Link to bill Link to State site.
Hawaii	July 2008 Bill to add TVs in 2009.	Jan 2, 2010	Computers, monitors, laptops, printers covered initially, TVs added in 2010.	Consumers, businesses, non-profits. government	Manufacturers must establish plans to collect and recycle their products.	No	No	No	No	Link to law
Illinois	Sept 17 2008	Jan 1, 2010	<u>Scope for figuring mfrgr obligation:</u> Computers, laptops, TVs, monitors, printers. <u>Scope for free collection:</u> TVs, monitors, laptops, desktops, mobile phone, computer cable, keyboard, mouse, fax, MP3 player, PDA, video game console, VCR, DVD player, zip drive and scanner	Consumers	Overall statewide goal is a return share goal (increased up to 10% over previous year goal.) Converting the statewide goal into company obligations is based on market share for TV companies & return share for IT companies.	Disclosure. Companies must disclose whether their products are ROHS compliant.	Yes, Collection goals: Statewide per capita goals get translated into individ. manufacturer goals	Yes	Yes, starting 2012	Link to law
Indiana	May 13, 2009	April 1, 2010 Program year is April – March.	<u>Scope for figuring mfrgr obligation:</u> video display devices (TVs, monitors, laptops). <u>Scope for free collection:</u> TVs, monitors, laptops, desktops, printers, keyboards; fax machines; VCR and DVD players	Households, public schools, small business <100 employees	Market share. Producers pay for collection, transportation, and recycling, meeting goals based on market share of video display devices sold.	Disclosure Companies must report on display devices sold exceeding the maximum ROHS levels toxics	Yes. Collection goals. Year 1: Mfgrs must recycle amount equal to 60% of what they sold by weight in previous year. Year 2 and beyond.: Goal is 80%. Penalties for not reaching goals start in year 3.	No	Yes, starting 2011	Link to law
Maine	2004 Modified 2009. Modified 2011.	January 2006	TVs, monitors, Laptops. Doesn't cover CPUs unless attached to monitors. 2009: Added printers, digital picture frames	2004: Households only . 2011: Added schools, non profits, and small	Producers pay for transport & recycling, some collection costs. Municipalities pay for some collection costs. IT co's split	No	No	No	Yes	Link to chaptered law Link to 2009 update

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			(as monitors), video game consoles.	business (100 or less emps), delivering <8 items.	costs by return share. TV co's split costs by market share (as of 2010)					law.
Maryland	2005	Jan 2006	Monitors, computers (CPUs), laptops. Televisions were added in 2007.	Not specified	Manufacturers pay fees to State. State funds reimburse Counties who pay for recycling via grants.	No	No	No	No	Link to original bill Link to program website
Michigan	Dec 26, 2008	April 1, 2010	Computers, monitors, TVs, laptops Added printers as of April 2011	Consumers, small business dropping off 7 or fewer units per day	Producers pay for collection, transportation, and recycling, but no level of service is mandated.	None	TV companies have non-binding goal of 60% by weight of what company sold in prev year	Yes (in SB 898)	No – will be studied	Link to bill Link to 898
Minnesota	May 8, 2007 Revised in 2009. Revised 2011.	August 2007	<u>Scope for figuring mfg obligation:</u> video display devices (TVs, monitors, laptops). <u>Scope for free collection:</u> TVs, monitors, laptops, desktops, printers, keyboards; fax machines; and DVD players	Consumers	Market share. Producers pay for collection, transportation, and recycling.	Disclosure Companies must report on display devices sold to households if they exceed the maximum ROHS levels for lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, (PBBs),(PBDEs)	Yes. Year 1: Manufacturer s must recycle amount equal to 60% of what they sold by weight in previous year Year 2+: 80% of previous year sales	Yes, except for non-profit refurbish-ment and reuse activities	Was already in place	Link to bill Link to 2009 update
Missouri	Jun 16, 2008	Plans due July 1, 2010. Collection starts after that.	Desktops, laptops, monitors, but NOT televisions	Consumers	Producers pay for collection, transportation, and recycling, but no level of service is mandated.	No	No	No	No	Link to bill
New Jersey	Jan 15, 2008 Revision signed Jan 2009.	Jan 1, 2011 New legislation delayed start date from 2010 to 2011	TVs, monitors, personal computers, laptops	Consumers and small business (50 or less employees)	Return share. Producers pay for collection, transportation, and recycling. TV companies assign costs of collective return share via market share.	Must be ROHS compliant on heavy metals.	Law directs state agency to set goals by Jan 2011.	Yes	Yes as of Jan 1, 2011.	Link to bill
New York City	4/1/08	7/1/2009 Pre-empted by state law	Computers, TVs, monitors, laptops, printers , keyboards, mice	Everyone – consumers, business, etc.	Market Share. Producers must collect and recycle products.	No	Yes. Collection goals based on market share: 2012: 25% 2015: 45% 2018: 65%	No	Yes, as of July 1, 2010	Link to bills: Int728 Int 729

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New York State Note: New York has a separate law requiring cell phone recycling by the providers.	5/29/10	4/1/2011	Computers, Televisions, Small Scale Servers Computer Peripherals ¹ (Monitors, Electronic Keyboards, Electronic Mice, Faxes, Scanners Printers), Small Electronic Equipment (VCRs, DVRs, Portable Digital Music Players, DVD Players, Digital Converter Boxes, Cable or Satellite Receivers, Electronic or Video Game Consoles)	All except large businesses (50 or more employees) and large non profits (75 or more employees)	Producers pay for collection, transportation, and recycling according to their market share. Law establishes a statewide goal, then producers are assigned their portion according to market share. Producers also must take back one unit for every unit sold.	Yes, must disclose any products for sale that don't comply with ROHS.	Yes. Combines goals plus convenience. Statewide collection goals per person: 2011: 3 lbs 2012: 4 lbs 2013: 5lbs After 2013, goal is recalculated based on experience.	No	Yes as of April 1, 2011 for manufacturers, retailers and waste handlers, and eff Jan 1, 2012 for consumers	Link to bill
North Carolina	Aug 31, 2007	Jan 1, 2010 (2008 law delayed start till 2010)	2007 law: Desktops, laptops, monitors, keyboards, mice 2008 law added televisions and delayed start by 1 year. 2010 law added printers, scanners, multifunction.	2007: Not specified 2010 law clarified that it applies to consumers and non profits of less than 10 employees	Producers must pay for transportation from collection sites (run by govt, retailers, or non-profits) as well as recycling costs. They don't pay for collection. Market share for TV co's. Return share for IT companies.	No	No	No	Yes, landfill and incinerator ban as of July 1, 2011	Link to 2007 bill. Link to 2008 bill that added TVs HB819
Oklahoma	5/13/08	Jan 1, 2009	Desktops, laptops, monitors, but NOT televisions	Consumers	Producers pay for collection, transportation, and recycling, but no level of service is mandated.	No	No	No	No	Link to bill
Oregon	June 7, 2007	Jan 1, 2009	TVs, monitors, personal computers, laptops Printers added starting 2015.	Households, small businesses, small non-profits or anyone dropping off 7 items or less to collection points	Producers pay for collection, transportation, and recycling. TV companies assign costs of collective return share via market share.	No	Yes, convenience measures. Mfgs must have collection site in every county, plus every city over 10,000.	No	Yes effective Jan 1, 2010.	Link to bill
Pennsylvania	Nov 23, 2010	Jan 2012	TVs, monitors, computers, laptops, peripherals (keyboard, printer)	Consumers, small business (50 or less employees)	A manufacturer shall establish, conduct and manage a plan to collect, transport and recycle a quantity of covered devices equal to the manufacturer's market share .	No.		Not per se, but recyclers must be certified to R2 (allows prison) or e-Stewards (no prison)	Jan 1, 2013	Link to PA law

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Rhode Island	June 27, 2008	Feb 1, 2009	Computers, laptops, monitors, televisions	Households or public and private elementary & secondary schools	Producers pay for collection, transportation, and recycling	Must disclose video display devices sold that exceed ROHS levels.	No	Yes	Yes, as of Jan 31, 2009.	Link to bill
Texas	June 15, 2007 TV law Jun 2011	Sept 1, 2008	Desktops, laptops, monitors. Televisions added by new law 2011, starting 2013	Consumers	Producers must have a program, but no level of service is mandated.	No	Not for computers. Some targets for TVs based on market share.	No.	No	Link to computer law. Link to TV law.
South Carolina	May 19, 2010	July 1, 2011	Computers, laptops, monitors, televisions, printers	Consumers	Producers must have a takeback program, but no level of service is mandated.	No	No	No	Yes, as of 7/1/2011, covered products banned from landfill	Link to bill
Vermont	Apr 21, 2010	July 1, 2011	Computers, monitors, computer peripherals, printer, or televisions	Household, charity, or school district or small business (<11 emps)	Combines market share goals and convenience requirements. Must have 3 sites/county plus 1 site in every city of 10,000 or more.	No	Yes, sets per capita goal for collection, as well as convenience requirements.	No	Yes as of Jan 1, 2011	Link to law.
Virginia	March 11, 08	July 1, 2009	Desktops, laptops, monitors, but NOT televisions	Consumers	Producers must have a takeback program, but no level of service is mandated.	No	No	No	No	Link to bill
Washington	March 2006	January 2009	TVs, monitors laptops, and desktop computers	Consumers, charities, small businesses, schools and small governments	Producers pay for collection, transportation, and recycling. Return share.	No	Yes, convenience measures. Mfgs must have collection site in every county, plus every city over 10,000.	Yes	Not in bill, but some counties have passed bans	Link to bill as signed by Governor
West Virginia	4/1/08	January 2009	TVs, monitors laptops, and desktop computers	Consumers	Producers pay registration fee of \$10K if they have no takeback program, or \$3k if they do.	No	No	No	no	Link to bill

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Wisconsin	10/23/09	Jan 2010	<u>Scope for figuring mfggr obligation:</u> video display devices (TVs, monitors, laptops), printers <u>Scope for free collection:</u> TVs, monitors, laptops, desktops, printers, keyboards; fax machines; DVD players, VCRs	Consumers (Households)	Producers pay for collection, transportation, and recycling based on their market share. Goal is 80% by weight of products sold to households and schools 3 years previous.	Yes, manufacturers must declare which products they sell that do and do not comply with ROHS directive.	Yes collection goals. Goal is 80% by weight of products sold to households and schools 3 years previous.	Yes	Yes as of Sept 1, 2010	Link to bill
States with Consumer Fee (Advanced Recycling Fee) Laws or Other Models										
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California	Sept 25, 2003	January 2005	TVs and Monitors only. Portable DVDs added 2006. NOT CPUs or other products.	All owners – consumer and business	Consumers pay a fee at purchase. Fee money goes to state, used to reimburse recyclers and collectors.	Comply with RoHS Directive on heavy metals. Companies can't sell laptops, monitors, TVs, portable DVD players that exceed RoHS levels for Lead, Mercury, Cadmium, and Hex.chromium	Bill set goal to eliminate electronic waste stockpiles and legacy devices by December 31, 2007	No	Was already in place	Link to main page for CA system
Other models										
Utah	March 2011	No collection required			Manufacturers must simply report to the state (by Aug 2011) and do public education on (by Jan 2012) the recycling options available in the state. They are not required to actually do any recycling themselves.	No	No	No	No	Link to bill.

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