

# CONSUMERS GUIDE TO USING RETAILERS' ELECTRONICS RECYCLING & TRADE-IN PROGRAMS

## Who Takes What?

Many electronics retailers have programs allowing consumers to recycle our old electronics, to trade them in for a store gift card, or both. This chart shows which products each retailer accepts, and whether you can drop products off at their stores, or if you must ship them somewhere. (Shipping is usually free, but you will have to box it up, making this much less convenient.)

## Use a Responsible e-Steward Recycler

We strongly encourage consumers to use the retailer programs that work with certified e-Steward recyclers, which are certified to the highest standards in the industry. See right hand column below.



## Key

**RECYCLE:** Retailer will recycle the product categories indicated.  
**TRADE-IN:** Retailer has a trade-in program for the categories indicated.  
**COMBINED:** Retailer's trade in program is also its recycling program. They will recycle the items for free, if they have no trade-in value.



You can drop off items at the STORE (except where prohibited by local laws)



You must ship your items

		Cell Phones	Cameras	Desktops	E-Readers	Game Consoles	GPS	Laptops & Tablets	Monitors	Music Players	Printers	Ink & Toner	TVs	TV Peripherals <sup>1</sup>	Details & Store Finders	Using e-Steward Recycler?
Amazon	RECYCLE				KINDLES <sup>2</sup>										<a href="#">DETAILS</a>	DOES NOT DISCLOSE VENDOR
	TRADE-IN											N/A			<a href="#">DETAILS</a>	NO
Best Buy	RECYCLE												UP TO 32" <sup>3</sup>		<a href="#">DETAILS STORES</a>	SOME E-STEWARDS
	TRADE-IN											N/A			<a href="#">DETAILS STORES</a>	
Costco	RECYCLE	COSTCO HAS NO RECYCLING OR TRADE-IN PROGRAM														NO PROGRAM
Fry's	RECYCLE	C2R BINS <sup>4</sup>	FRY'S HAS NO RECYCLING OR TRADE-IN PROGRAM													NO PROGRAM
Hhgregg	RECYCLE		OTHER THAN ACCEPTING SMART PHONES, HHGREGG HAS NO RECYCLING OR TRADE-IN PROGRAM												<a href="#">STORES</a>	NO
Micro Center	RECYCLE														<a href="#">STORES</a>	NO
Newegg	RECYCLE	NEWEGG HAS NO RECYCLING OR TRADE-IN PROGRAM														NO PROGRAM
Office Depot	RECYCLE <sup>6</sup>	FEE	FEE	FEE	FEE	FEE	FEE	FEE	FEE	FEE	FEE, <24"	FEE	FEE, <24"	FEE	<a href="#">DETAILS STORES</a>	EXCEPT SCHOOL PROGRAM
	TRADE-IN											N/A			<a href="#">DETAILS</a>	NO
Office Max	RECYCLE														<a href="#">STORES</a>	NO
RadioShack	RECYCLE														<a href="#">DETAILS STORES</a>	
	TRADE-IN								FLAT PANELS ONLY				SOME HDTVS	SOME		
Sam's Club	COMBINED											N/A			<a href="#">DETAILS</a>	NO
Sears	COMBINED											N/A	NO <sup>8</sup>		<a href="#">DETAILS</a>	NO
Staples	RECYCLE														<a href="#">DETAILS STORES</a>	
Systemax/Tiger Direct*	TRADE-IN								SOME LCDS			N/A	SOME HDTVS <sup>9</sup>	BLU-RAY ONLY	<a href="#">DETAILS</a>	
	SECRET RECYCLING*													BLU-RAY ONLY		
Target	RECYCLING & KIOSKS <sup>10</sup>											INK ONLY			<a href="#">STORES</a>	DOES NOT DISCLOSE VENDOR
	TRADE-IN							TABLETS ONLY		YES		N/A			<a href="#">DETAILS</a>	NO
Walmart	TRADE-IN											N/A			<a href="#">DETAILS</a>	
	SECRET RECYCLING*															

\* Tiger Direct, and Walmart don't publicize it, but their mail back trade in programs will actually take some items back for free recycling if they have no value. But this not explained or promoted on their websites. To find it, use their trade in websites, but don't select your product category from the list. Instead, enter anything (not a product they accept for trade in) in the "search" field. Then you will get a screen that shows that they don't find it on their list, but they will recycle those categories for free (mailback only).

### FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup> TV peripherals are products plugged into the TV, including DVD players, VCRs, streaming, home theater, etc

<sup>2</sup> Amazon only recycles Kindles, its own brand of e-readers.

<sup>3</sup> Best Buy will also remove a TV from your home for free (any size) if you are buying a new one and it's being delivered by their Geek Squad or their home delivery service. They will also pick up 2 TVs from your home for \$100. Order this service in any Best Buy store.

<sup>4</sup> C2R Bins\* = Some stores have phone and battery collection bins supplied by Call2Recycle. C2R does not use an e-steward for phone recycling.

<sup>5</sup> hhgregg only accepts smart phones for recycling

<sup>6</sup> Office Depot requires recycled items to fit into their recycling box, the largest of which is 24" x 18" x 18". This won't accommodate most TVs or printers, some flat panel monitors, or any CRT TV or monitor. Office depot DOES take its house brand ALTIVA monitors for free in stores. Office Depot uses an e-Steward recycler for its consumer program, but does not use an e-Steward for its schools recycling program.

<sup>7</sup> Office Max accepts BluRay players, and some streaming devices but not all TV peripherals for trade in.

<sup>8</sup> Sears will only take back TVs for recycling if you are having a TV delivered, for a fee of \$20.

<sup>9</sup> TigerDirect only accepts BluRay DVD players for recycling or trade in, not other peripherals

<sup>10</sup> Target's recycling kiosk is a bank of recycling bins typically located along the front wall of the registers, by the service counter or at the entrance of the front door. There is one bin where you can put cellphones, MP3s, and ink cartridges. Target tells us you can put GPS devices and portable DVD players in that same bin, although the sign doesn't say so. They also have bins for bottles, cans, and plastic bags.