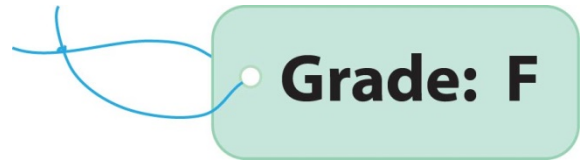


# Electronics Retailers Recycling Report Card for: **Costco**



Costco currently has no recycling program available to customers, despite being the sixth largest CE retailer in the U.S. (over \$6 billion in 2012). In the past, Costco has partnered with GreenSight and Gazelle on trade in programs.

Grading Criteria	Max Points	Points Earned	Comments
<b>1. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM</b>			
1.1. Does the retailer have an ongoing year-round program to take back and <u>recycle</u> electronic products from consumers? (as opposed to occasional events or a trade in program)	1	0	
1.2. Do they take back for recycling all the same product categories that they sell?	3	0	
1.3. Do they offer physical collection sites (in stores or other locations) where they <b>collect all of the large electronic items</b> (categories other than phones and tablets) that they sell?	5	0	
1.4. Do they have collection sites for e-waste recycling in every state they sell into?	5	0	
1.5. Is recycling free at the time of drop off?	3	0	
1.6. Secret programs - Is the recycling program a secret? No info on websites or in stores? This earns a deduction.	-10		
<b>Total this section</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>TRANSPARENCY on volumes</b>			
<b>2. TRANSPARENCY.</b> Does the retailer publicly report on their takeback program every year, on their website, including:			
2.1. Total volume of equipment collected?	1	0	
2.2. How much equipment was refurbished and reused? (This can include trade in programs.)	1	0	
2.3. How much equipment was recycled?	1	0	
2.4. How much ink and toner was recycled (if they sell printers)	1	0	
2.5. Total volume collected as a percentage of the total volume the retailer sold.	5	0	
2.6. Breakdown of specific materials ultimately recovered during recycling, including critical minerals, if any	1	0	
<b>Total this section</b>	<b>10 pts</b>		
<b>3. HOW MUCH IS COMING BACK?</b>			
3.1. How much total electronic equipment did the retailer take back in 2012 in the U.S. for recycling and reuse?	5	0	

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3.2. How much equipment was refurbished and reused?	4	0	
3.3. How much equipment was recycled?	4	0	
3.4. How much toner and ink recycled (if they sell toner/ink)?	4	0	
<b>Total this section</b>	<b>17 pts</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING</b>			
4. <b>Responsible Recycling</b> We want to be sure that reuse and recycling is done responsibly, and that toxic e-waste isn't sent to developing countries where it can cause harm.			
4.1. <b>Public Export Policy.</b> Does retailer have a formal public policy (on website) for their recycling and trade-in programs that says that:			
4.1.1. All products or parts must be tested and found to be fully functional before being exported from the U.S. to developing countries	3	0	
4.1.2. All hazardous materials <sup>i</sup> and components generated by downstream refurbishers and recyclers must be kept in developed countries throughout final disposition			
4.2. <b>Transparency.</b> Does company publicly disclose all their recycling and reuse vendors for their recycling and trade in programs?	3	0	
4.3. <b>E-Steward Certification.</b> 4.3.1. Are all of the company's recycling and reuse vendors handling electronics returned in the U.S. certified to the highest voluntary standard in the industry, the <i>e-Stewards Standard for Responsible Recycling and Reuse of Electronic Equipment</i> <sup>®</sup>	Max 10	0	
4.3.2. <b>Future certification.</b> If the answer to 4.3.1 above is "no," has the company signed a pledge that by [future date], all of their takeback and trade-in programs in the U.S. will work <u>only</u> with reuse and recycling vendors who are certified e-Stewards? All electronics returned in the U.S. will go only to certified e-Stewards for reuse, repair, or recycling.			
<b>Total this section</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	

<sup>i</sup> Hazardous materials as defined under International Law, established by the [Basel Convention](#), not the very narrow definition that the US EPA uses.