

# Electronic Equipment

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Recent legislation is beginning to put limitations on the discarding of electronic equipment in landfills. Recycling of electronics has been encouraged for many years, as there are a lot of metals in the circuit boards particularly. Some metals like cadmium and lead are harmful and some like gold, silver, and platinum are valuable. Additionally, the plastic materials and steel parts can be recycled.

The law now forbids electronics from businesses, non-profit corporations, schools, and similar large users to be put into the trash. These organizations and businesses must recycle their monitors and other screens. TVs and monitors from your home can still be put into landfills but this is being discouraged.

For a number of years, the Guthrie County Transfer Station has operated an electronics-recycling program. Like with most of our other programs we strive to take as much stuff as we can at NO CHARGE. So please read carefully to determine how you can help with electronics recycling. Currently, NONE of this material can be recycled in your curbside bins or in the roll-off collection bins.

First, if you are a school, business, or other large users of electronics you must recycle them. Some companies will take units "in trade" when you buy new equipment. That's the easiest way to handle this. All electronics can be recycled at the Transfer Station but there is a charge for TVs and monitors. The fees are: Screens of 19" or less cost \$10.00 to leave. Screens 19" to 36" are \$15.00 and 37" and larger screens are \$20.00.

The public is NOT required to pay this fee and can discard the TVs and monitors in the Transfer Station with your trash. But we strongly urge you to pay this \$20.00 or \$10.00 fee and properly dispose of your unit. It's a small price to pay compared to the hundreds or thousands of dollars you paid for the privilege of having it to use.

Important free service!! Even though there is a charge for TVs and monitors ALL OTHER ELECTRONICS ARE ACCEPTED FREE!!! There is no charge to individuals to leave computer towers, keyboards, cell phones, DVD players, VCRs, blackberries, calculators, circuit boards, etc. As part of the collection system, these items are taken free by the recycling company.

So we urge you to recycle. Even if you come out and choose not to recycle the monitor, please recycle the rest of the old computer or other electronic equipment!