



Responsible Recycling of Electronic Waste

San Mateo County Ordinance Code, "Responsible Recycling of Electronic Waste."

In 2003, the California Legislature passed Senate Bills 20 and 50, the Electronic Waste Recycling Act and Covered Electronic Waste Payment System. This legislation established a payment system for the collection and recycling of specific electronic waste (e-waste) and device(s) with a video display and a screen size of greater than four inches. The recycling of all other e-waste with a circuit board, chord or battery (e.g., toaster, curling iron, etc.) is not part of the State payment reimbursement program, but all e-waste contains components that should be recycled/processed safely.

E-waste collected by groups or individuals (collectors), is self-hauled or transported to an e-waste recycler. Recyclers process the e-waste in different ways (disassembling, smelting, shredding) and may ship waste to a number of destinations depending upon market conditions. If improperly processed, e-waste can contaminate the solid waste stream; pollute the air, soil, and groundwater; and expose handlers to harmful working conditions.

Responsible Recycling of Electronic Waste ordinance requires:

1. The recyclers of e-waste must be certified by a third-party organization approved by the County. Two (2)- third-party certifications the Office of Sustainability plans to accept under this ordinance are: the e-Stewards Initiative, a program created by the Basel Action Network, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization; and R2 Solutions, a non-profit organization established to house the "Responsible Recycling Practices for Use in Accredited Certification Programs" (R2 Practices), which were developed through an EPA-convened multi stakeholder process.
2. Collectors, whether an individual, partnership, or private business, must deliver e-waste to a certified recycler.
3. The County must be notified in advance of any public e-waste collection events. In all publicity for public e-waste events, collectors must indicate that all e-waste will be sent only to certified recyclers. The County may conduct inspections or review documentation to verify e-waste is being properly recycled. The ordinance gives the County authority to seek administrative and civil remedies, including fines for repeated violations.



Electronic Waste Recycling Locations:

Recycling Collection Company	City	Phone Number	Certified Recycler/Processor	Notes
Best Buy	San Carlos	650-622-0050	Electronics Recycler International (ERI, Inc), Sims Recycling Solutions, Regency Technologies.	For more information on what items can be recycled at Best Buy visit: http://bit.ly/2LIlnaX
	Colma	650-756-8711		
	San Bruno	650-244-5139		
Blue Line Transfer, Inc.	South San Francisco	650-589-5511	e-recycling	Contact for more information
Crown Computer Recycling, Inc.	San Carlos	650-591-0600	ECS Refining	E-waste accepted (computers, stereos & cellphones).
Goodwill Industries Donation Centers	Belmont	1-800 Goodwill	ERI Inc.	Please visit the website for more information. www.goodwill.org/locator/
	Pacifica			
	Redwood City			
	South San Francisco			
Goodwill Industries Stores	Burlingame	1-800 Goodwill	ERI Inc.	Please visit the website for more information. www.goodwill.org/locator/
	Daly City			
	San Mateo			
	South San Francisco			
GreenCitizen, Inc.	Burlingame	650-493-8700	ZARC	For more information visit: www.greencitizen.com/free-electronics-recycling-drop-off/
Ox Mountain Landfill	Half Moon Bay	650-726-1819	ECS Refining	Fee for TV and computer monitors
Recology of the Coast	Pacifica	650-355-9000	AERC	Contact for more information.
Recology San Bruno	San Bruno	650-583-8536	e-recycling	Contact for more information.
Recology San Mateo County	San Carlos	650-595-3900	e-recycling	Contact for more information.
Republic Services Daly City	Daly City	650-756-1130	e-recycling	Contact for more information.
Republic Services of Half Moon Bay	Daly City	650-592-2411	e-recycling	Contact for more information.
Shoreway Environmental Center	San Carlos	650-802-8355	e-recycling	Contact for more information.
South San Francisco Scavenger	South San Francisco	650-589-4020	e-recycling	Contact for more information.
Staples	Menlo Park	650-329-9440	ERI, Inc.	Only recycles, computers, tablets and routers. For more information visit: http://bit.ly/2pYgnlz
	San Mateo	650-573-9972		
Strawflower Electronics	Half Moon Bay	650-726-8181	e-recycling	Small fee charged for small electronics
ZARC Recycling	South San Francisco	650-871-7327	ZARC, ECS	TV's and CRT's are sent to ECS Refining.

For more information about e-waste recycling contact us via email at sustainability@smcgov.org or call **888.442.2666**.

