



California Take-It-Back Partnership **Electronic Devices**



Managing Electronic Devices

- Electronic devices may no longer be tossed in the trash. Your customers need somewhere to bring their electronic devices such as televisions and computer monitors, computers, printers, VCRs, cell phones, telephones, radios, and microwave ovens for appropriate handling.
- The regulatory requirements for collecting used electronics are few. Your business doesn't need a permit from the state, a hazardous waste manifest or a registered hazardous waste transporter. A recent study by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) found that customers who bring products back (used oil) to a retailer spend an average of \$60 per visit.
- Setting up a program is easy. First, you complete the form Notice of Intent to Handle Electronic Waste and send it to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) before you start accepting electronics. Funding may be available for the collection of video display devices under SB20/50.
- There are many options for collections. Contact your county's Household Hazardous Waste Collection program, DTSC, or CIWMB for assistance. The California Take-It-Back Partnership will provide public service announcements, posters, stickers, and window signs to identify your business as a participating partner.
- Additionally, many local solid waste or Household Hazardous Waste Collection Programs form public private partnerships with retailers.
- DTSC's Universal Waste Web Site at www.dtsc.ca.gov has details on the requirements. The site also includes training materials that can be customized for individual businesses.

Universal Waste



- New laws governing the disposal of universal waste were adopted in 2000.
- Universal waste is commonly used items that when thrown in landfills can harm the environment and have a negative impact on public health.
- Universal waste includes many types of batteries, mercury-containing devices, fluorescent lamps, and electronic devices.
- Households and small business were exempt from the state's Universal Waste Rule until February 9, 2006.

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