

Information and Websites for
Selection of a Responsible Electronics Recycler (one that is much more
likely to practice responsible electronics recycling)
and
Other Useful Electronics Websites

Electronics Recycler Selection:

There are two ways to help ensure that responsible recycling practices are followed by your selected electronics recycler:

- 1) Select a certified electronics recycler;
or
- 2) Follow a selection checklist with recommended guidelines for the selection of an electronics recycler.

1) Selection of a Certified Electronics Recycler:

There are two reliable certification standards which now exist under which electronics recyclers can become certified:

- a. The Responsible Recycling (R2) Practices
- b. e-Stewards

IMPORTANT NOTE: Companies can apply to the certifying bodies for each of these standards to become certified. Companies undergo a very stringent audit and review process by the certifying body. If the company proves that it meets the stringent standards of the R2 Practices or e-Stewards, then the company receives either R2 certification or e-Stewards certification respectively. **EPA believes that companies that follow the R2 Practices or e-Stewards will raise the level of performance of the electronics recycling industry, and enable the public to have much greater assurance that environmentally responsible recycling practices are being followed.**

- a. Information about the R2 Practices can be found at
www.r2solutions.org

- The list of Responsible Recycling (R2) Certified Electronics Recyclers can be found at:

<http://www.r2solutions.org/index.php?submenu=Recyclers&rc=gendocs&ref=R2CertifiedRecyclers&category=Main>

- b. Information about e-Stewards can be found at:
<http://e-stewards.org/>

The e-Stewards-certified companies can be found by checking a map at the following link. Please realize that only the companies marked in Blue are certified under E-Stewards:

<http://e-stewards.org/find-a-recycler/>

2) **Guidance for Selection of an Electronics Recycler:**

Checklist for selection of Electronics Recycling Services:

<http://www.federalectronicchallenge.net/resources/docs/select.pdf>

Guidelines for On-site Review of Electronics Recyclers:

http://www.federalectronicchallenge.net/resources/docs/onsite_review.pdf

Other Electronics Information:

Copy of the Responsible Recycling (R2) Practices:

<http://www.decideagree.com> or go to

www.epa.gov/epawaste/consERVE/materials/ecycling/r2practices.htm

For more information on Responsible Recycling go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/consERVE/materials/ecycling/r2practices.htm>

<http://www.epa.gov/osw/inforesources/news/2009news/08-r2.htm>

To purchase the "greenest" computers, the **EPEAT** website is a great resource to use and it now has over 1500 products registered:

<http://www.epeat.net/>

Region 3 eCycling Web Page:

<http://www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/eCycling/index.htm>

The EPA Plug-In to eCycling web page is also a good source of information:

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/plugin/index.htm>

Recycling Sources by Zip Code:

www.Earth911.org Then enter your zip code and what you want to recycle at the top of the page.