



**GreenTip**  
How Do You Measure Up?

## Test Your E-Waste IQ

E-waste, or electronic waste, includes lots of familiar household, business and personal products such as computers, keyboards, monitors, printers, televisions, electronic games, cell phones and VCR and DVD players. In fact, everything that contains a microchip or circuit board can be included in this category. When you're ready to get rid of these items, they become E-waste.

Did you know that e-waste is considered hazardous? That's because electronic products contain potentially hazardous or toxic materials that can end up harming our environment if not managed properly. Materials such as cadmium, beryllium, mercury and chromium in circuit boards, brominated flame retardants in plastics and lead in cathode ray tubes (CRT's) and solder are especially dangerous. In fact, the average-sized computer monitor can contain between 4 and 8 pounds of lead!

Recycling your e-waste prevents the danger of the hazardous materials it contains being released into our environment, and also allows the recovery of valuable metals for use again in manufacturing applications. Reuse of these materials results in the saving of energy and natural resources.

As a resident of Guilford County, it's safe and easy to dispose of your E-waste through the Household Hazardous Waste Program, sponsored by the City of Greensboro and Guilford County. Simply load everything into your car and bring it to the HHW facility, located at 2750 Patterson Street, near the Coliseum in Greensboro. There is no charge to drop off materials, and facility staff will unload your car for you. The HHW facility is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Have questions or need more information?

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