

## Why Recycle Electronics?\*

Computers contain many chemicals and materials that are hazardous to the environment.

Throwing away computers and electronics with regular garbage is illegal in Davidson County.

E-waste contains many valuable, recoverable materials such as aluminum, copper, gold, silver, plastics, and ferrous metals. For every million cell phones we recycle, 35 thousand pounds of copper, 772 pounds of silver, 75 pounds of gold and 33 pounds of palladium can be recovered.

Nashville sends recycled electronic waste to a local recycling company that is carefully monitored to make sure our waste never goes to third world countries, where e-waste often causes terrible environmental and health problems.

Many of your old computers' working components will be reused if they are recycled. This saves time, energy, and money in manufacturing...a significant plus for the environment.

Throwing away old electronics from your office into a dumpster leaves you extremely susceptible to information theft, even if you think you've deleted all your files.

\* E-waste Collection Day at Elmington Park is a convenience for Hillsboro–West End and Hillsboro-Belmont neighbors. You can take residential electronic waste to Metro drop-off locations off East Trinity Lane and off Lebanon Pike seven days a week.

[More about Metro drop-off locations](#)