

The National Televisions and Computer Recycling Scheme

The National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme was established to provide the average general households and small business with access to free recycling services their unwanted used televisions, computer associated products. The scheme is regulated by the Australian Government under the Product Stewardship Act 2011 and the Product Stewardship (televisions and Computers) Regulations 2011

The National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme intention is to boost the recycling rate of televisions and computer products from an estimated 17% in 2010 to 30% in 2013 and to 80% by 2021. Under the scheme the average household and small business will be offered access to free recycling services for televisions and computers, printers and computer products (keyboards, mice and hard drives) regardless of their brand and no matter of how old they are.

Due to the excess landfill caused by televisions and computers need to be recycled because the quantity, high toxicity and good resource recovery potential of non-renewable resources like tin, nickel, zinc and copper. This electronic waste (or e-waste) forms over 20,000 tonnes of increased landfill per year at a cost of an estimated 2.4 million.

Items that are acceptable under the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme include:

- Televisions
- Computers
- Printers
- Computer products (keyboards, mice, hard drives)

References

- 1) <http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/www/html/3125-television-and-computer-recycling.asp?intLocationID=3125#anchor3125>
- 2) <http://www.environment.gov.au/settlements/waste/ewaste/index.html>

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