



### How to Easily Recycle Your Electronics

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#### STAPLES RECYCLING

See what you can recycle here: <https://www.staples.com/deals/it-s-recycling-day-every-day/BI3000592>

#### 7 Pieces of Tech You May Not Know Can Be Recycled

This is excerpted from a helpful Staples article in partnership with getWise, a technology platform that provides on-demand expert advice for small businesses.

1. **Adapters & Cables** - recycling them not only aids in saving energy and water resources but also reduces the number of emissions released into the environment by lessening the need to create first-use PVC's (the plastic used in cables) or mine copper ore.
2. **Computers** - we throw away 255,000 tons of computers annually in the U.S. They end up in landfills along with billions of harmful elements that can damage the environment. Before recycling, wipe your computer clean of your data.
3. **Batteries**, other than alkaline, consist of several metals that can be extremely harmful to the environment if they are not disposed of properly. When thrown into landfills, the metals can leach into the soil and groundwater, contaminating it and leading to health problems in humans and animals. Check the above link to see which batteries they accept (no Alkaline batteries can be recycled.)
4. **Monitors** are made of materials that can be recycled, such as glass, plastic, and metal. Recycling them is important in reducing the amount of waste in landfills.
5. **Hard & Flash Drives** -In the past the best way to store backup files were with flash and external hard drives. They may be small but can add up in a landfill. Wipe them clean of personal data first.
6. **Printers** can be recycled rather than ending up in landfills.
7. **Webcams** - This is the most common piece of tech that people often upgrade. Most of these devices have harmful materials like lead and mercury. Recycling keeps these toxins out of landfills.

#### LOWES RECYCLING

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LOWES FAQ's on recycling. <https://corporate.lowes.com/newsroom/stories/fresh-thinking/lowes-answers-your-recycling-faqs-so-you-dont-have-ask> .

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