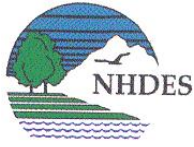


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State Ban on Disposal of TVs and Computer Monitors in Landfills and Incinerators Goes Into Effect July 1, 2007

Concord, NH- In order to remove a significant source of lead from the environment, a ban on the disposal of televisions and computer monitors in the state's landfills and incinerators goes into effect July 1, 2007. Most towns and cities in the state have electronics recycling programs in place and, recently, Staples has announced that they will recycle some types of electronic waste at their stores. There are also a number of commercial recycling centers available to state residents which are listed on the NHDES website at

http://des.nh.gov/SWTAS/comp_recyclers.htm .

Recently, Texas, Oregon, and Connecticut have passed legislation requiring recycling of electronics, joining Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, California, Maryland, and other states with recycling or disposal ban laws. The Electronic Industries Alliance, with nearly 1,300 member companies, has proposed a national legislation model which includes an industry-sponsored organization for the recycling of televisions and a take-back program for computers and related equipment.

State residents should contact their disposal facility or the manufacturer of the equipment to determine the best option for recycling their monitors and televisions.

For additional information about the disposal ban, please call Donald E. Maurer, Supervisor, Solid Waste Technical Assistance Section, at (603) 271-3713.

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