

Managing Used Electronic Equipment



Computers, TV's and other devices have become an indispensable part of every day life. For every new device we buy, another becomes obsolete and requires disposal. But this disposal can be dangerous. Computers, for example, contain a number of hazardous wastes that are harmful to the environment, including lead, cadmium, and mercury. Wisconsin hazardous waste regulations (ch. NR 610 and 615) prohibit businesses from disposing of computers in landfills. No similar regulations apply to Wisconsin residents, yet many residents are interested in finding proper homes for old computers and other electronics. There are a number of alternatives available to Calumet County residents. Be aware that there is a cost for disposing of used electronics at some, but not all, of the following listings.

- Check with schools or nonprofit organizations to see if the computer is worthy of reuse. **Donations** are tax deductible.
- Deliver your used computer/parts to the **Brown County Household Hazardous Waste facility** at 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay. Get more details by calling the Calumet County UWEX office at 920-849-1450 or 989-2700 or http://www.co.brown.wi.us/solid_waste/hhw_options.htm
- Deliver your used computer to one of the **Department of Corrections** used computer drop-off sites. Sites closest to Calumet County are located in Oshkosh and Taycheedah. <http://www.buybsi.com/images/PDF/dropoffsites.pdf>
- Utilize the **Department of Natural Resources Recycling Markets Directory** to locate a potential outlet: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/markets/matsearch.asp> Search for electronics.
- **Dell** will accept used computers, but only from customers who purchase a new Dell system. There is a \$15 charge to drop off the old computer.

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