






What to Know About Wisconsin's Electronics Recycling Rule

Wisconsin's new electronics recycling rule specifies requirements for collecting, storing, transporting and processing electronics. Most Wisconsin facilities that dismantle or further process electronics will need a solid waste processing approval and license from the Department of Natural Resources. **The new rule affects all electronics collection sites and recyclers, not just those registered with E-Cycle Wisconsin.**

Additional changes for **E-Cycle Wisconsin participants** include:

-  **More devices will be eligible** to count toward manufacturer recycling targets. This means collectors and recyclers may need to change how they sort electronics.
-  **Manufacturers of video game system consoles** or other components that meet the definition of a computer will need to register these devices.
-  **Collectors** will need to independently track loads they send to other collectors or recyclers.
-  **Recyclers** will need to use bills of lading for transporting eligible electronics and components to and from their facilities.
-  **Out-of-state recyclers** may need to update their owner financial responsibility (OFR).

Key new requirements for all electronics collection sites

All Wisconsin collection sites

- ✓ Containers or packaging for electronics must be:
 - Adequate to prevent breakage and spills
 - Compatible with the contents
 - Made of material that will remain structurally sound for the length of time electronics are stored
- ✓ Store electronics in a way that will prevent damage from weather, theft or vandalism
- ✓ Ship electronics to a recycler at least once a year
- ✓ Limit public access to when an attendant is on duty for areas where mechanical equipment is part of your operation
- ✓ Clearly label the recycling area at your site
- ✓ Keep area clean and free of litter
- ✓ Don't burn electronics or other solid waste
- ✓ Provide means to control fires
- ✓ Maintain all-weather access road/parking

Additional requirements for E-Cycle Wisconsin collectors

- ✓ Notify the DNR of changes to sites, events, materials accepted, etc.
- ✓ Maintain independent records of loads of eligible electronic devices you send to another registered collector or recycler

Key new requirements for all electronics recyclers

All Wisconsin electronics processing facilities

- ✓ Obtain a solid waste processing approval and license unless you meet one of the limited exemptions
 - Submit initial site inspection form
 - Submit plan of operation
 - Annual license renewal (no fee)
 - Estimate your closure costs and set aside money for owner financial responsibility
- ✓ Notify haulers you contract with of handling requirements for e-waste

Additional requirements for E-Cycle Wisconsin recyclers

- ✓ Use a bill of lading for transporting eligible electronics to and from your facility
- ✓ Provide proof of financial responsibility for all facilities where eligible electronics are stored or recycled
- ✓ In-state recyclers must use DNR forms for OFR
- ✓ Out-of-state recyclers must meet equivalent OFR requirements

New E-Cycle Wisconsin eligible electronics

Cellphones and other phones with a video display

Battery-powered phone accessories (headsets, speakers, selfie sticks, etc.)

Video game consoles

Battery-powered video game accessories (controllers, headsets, etc.)



The rule is expected to take effect **July 1, 2023**.

If you have questions about how this affects you, contact DNR e-cycle staff at 608-234-0533 or DNRWle-cycling@wisconsin.gov.