



Saturday, August 7
8am - 1pm
3202 Apollo Dr., Champaign

What: The Countywide Residential Electronics Collection is an opportunity for residents in vehicles to drop off unwanted electronics items for recycling or refurbishing and re-use. Teams of volunteers and workers will unload vehicles that line up to be emptied at drop off stations in a 'pit row' style. Over 75 volunteers and workers will be assisting at the collection site on Saturday.

Residents each may bring up to 10 electronics items to the free drop off collection.

List of Acceptable Electronics Items To Be Collected From Residents For Free:

- televisions (*any size or any type of TV, including console or projection TVs*)
- computers
- laptops
- computer monitors
- printers
- scanners
- keyboards and mice
- mobile phones cables
- zip drives
- fax machines
- VCR players
- DVD players
- MP3 players
- PDA's
- video game consoles

When: The Collection will take place on **Saturday, August 7**, from 8:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m., Rain or shine!

Where: The Collection will take place at The News-Gazette Distribution Center at 3202 Apollo Drive in Champaign. Easy directions are --beginning from the east side of Market Place Mall in Champaign, to turn north onto Market Street. Drive north on Market Street, turn into the Apollo Industrial Park, and follow signs to The News-Gazette Distribution Center. (see location map provided____)

How long will I have to wait in line to drop off electronics items?

The increased number volunteers and workers onsite and an efficient drive-through arrangement allows for the streamlined drop-off of electronics items.

Based on the previous collections held this year, the average wait in line, during those times when there was a line of vehicles, was typically no more than 10 minutes. During the busiest drop-off periods, the wait in line was 15 minutes at most.

Why is it important to recycle or to refurbish and re-use electronics?

Many electronic products contain lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium, and other materials that pose environmental and health risks that must be managed.

Many electronic products contain metals, plastics, and leaded glass that can be recycled or refurbished for re-use and then returned to the economic mainstream in the form of raw materials or products. The reuse of these components both conserves natural resources and energy, and contributes to reduced air and water pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

Illinois lawmakers passed The Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act in 2008, establishing a statewide system for recycling and/or reusing computers, laptops, monitors, televisions and printers discarded by residents.

Beginning January 1, 2012, televisions, computers, monitors and printers will be banned from Illinois landfills.

What happens to any data that is left on hard drives?

The recycling contractor (Vintage Tech Recyclers), the collection coordinator and sponsors cannot assume responsibility for any information left on a hard drive.

That said, Vintage Tech Recyclers, the recycling contractor, uses data wiping software or a hardware shredding process, and meets or exceeds the data security requirements and standards as set forth in the *Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act*.

What happens to the electronics items once they're collected?

All electronics waste collected becomes the property of the recycling contractor, Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc. The collected electronics waste is sorted and packed for transportation at The News Gazette Distribution Center by volunteers working with the recycling contractor.

The electronics waste is transported, weighed and inventoried. Vintage Tech assesses whether the monitors, televisions, and computers (including laptops) are working or non-working. Working equipment may be cleaned and refurbished for remarketing. Nonworking electronics waste is dismantled and separated into basic marketable commodities. TVs and monitors are processed by dismantling for components with the cathode ray tubes shipped to a processor specializing in glass processing. None of the electronics waste is sent to landfills.

Who are the Sponsors?

Quarterly countywide residential electronics collections are coordinated by the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission with government sponsors: Champaign County, Champaign County Probation and Court Services, City of Urbana, City of Champaign, and Village of Savoy. As sponsor, The News-Gazette provides its Distribution Center as the host site for the collections. The University of Illinois College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center assist with promotion of the collections. Recycling contractor is Vintage Tech Recycling, Inc., based in Romeoville, IL.

What if I have more questions?

If you have questions or for want more information about the August 7 Collection, please visit the website www.ccrpc.org or phone (217) 328-3313

RESIDENTIAL ELECTRONICS COLLECTION LOCATION MAP



Drive north on Market Street, and follow signs to the Collection Site: The News-Gazette Distribution Center.

Collection Date: Saturday, August 7, 2010