



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Regarding the Countywide Residential Electronics Collections

When: The next planned Collection will take place on **Saturday, May 5, 2012** from **8:00 a.m to noon**

Where: The Collection will take place at The News-Gazette Distribution Center at 3202 Apollo Drive in Champaign. This Collection site is located in the industrial subdivision situated about one mile north and east of the Market Place Mall in Champaign. Residents should follow the signs to access the Collection site [via East Olympian Drive.](#) *See the location map and entrance directions provided below...*

Who can participate:

Residents from anywhere are invited to participate. Several teams of community service volunteers will be stationed and ready to unload electronics items from vehicles at the May 5th collection. This is literally a “drive up” collection, with all unloading of electronics items from each vehicle done by a team of five or six workers. We find that residents appreciate the unloading service -- especially with regard to larger electronics, including projection tv’s or wood console tv’s.

What electronics items will be collected?

Residents each may bring up to 10 items at a time. The following electronics items are accepted:

Electronics Products: Televisions Monitors Printers Computers (laptop, notebook, netbook, tablet) Electronic keyboards Facsimile machines Videocassette recorders Portable digital music players Digital video disc players Video game consoles	Small scale servers Scanners Electronic mice Digital converter boxes Cable receivers Satellite receivers Digital video disc recorders Also accepted: cell phones or land line phones stereos and speakers microwave ovens
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Generally if an electronic product has a computer chip, it is likely recyclable.



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

The electronics waste is weighed and inventoried at the facilities of Vintage Tech Recyclers LLC, in Romeoville, IL. Certain functioning electronics items (such as newer model desktop or laptop computers) are sorted and selected to be refurbished and remarketed. The majority of nonworking electronics waste is dismantled and separated into basic marketable commodities. At no point is the electronics waste sent to a landfill.

A higher cost and specialized glass cleaning process is necessary for recycling and safe handling of the cathode ray tubes of TVs and monitors. The cathode ray tubes are removed from the TVs and monitors shipped to a processor in Wisconsin that specializes in glass processing.

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

Stringent established data security standards that are set forth in the *Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act*. Vintage Tech Recyclers LLC meets these security standards.

For items to be refurbished and re-used, data-wiping software is used to overwrite data. The hard drives and data storage devices of electronics items processed as electronics waste are shredded.

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.
- ▶ And many electronics items contain metals, plastics, or leaded glass that can be recycled into basic commodities or products, and then re-marketed for re-use. The reuse of these components 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.
- ▶ The need to recycle or reuse electronics will be receiving increasing publicity over the next year. As of January 1, 2012, the following electronics products are banned from Illinois landfills:

Televisions
Monitors
Printers
Computers (laptop, notebook, netbook, tablet)
Electronic keyboards
Facsimile machines
Videocassette recorders
Portable digital music players

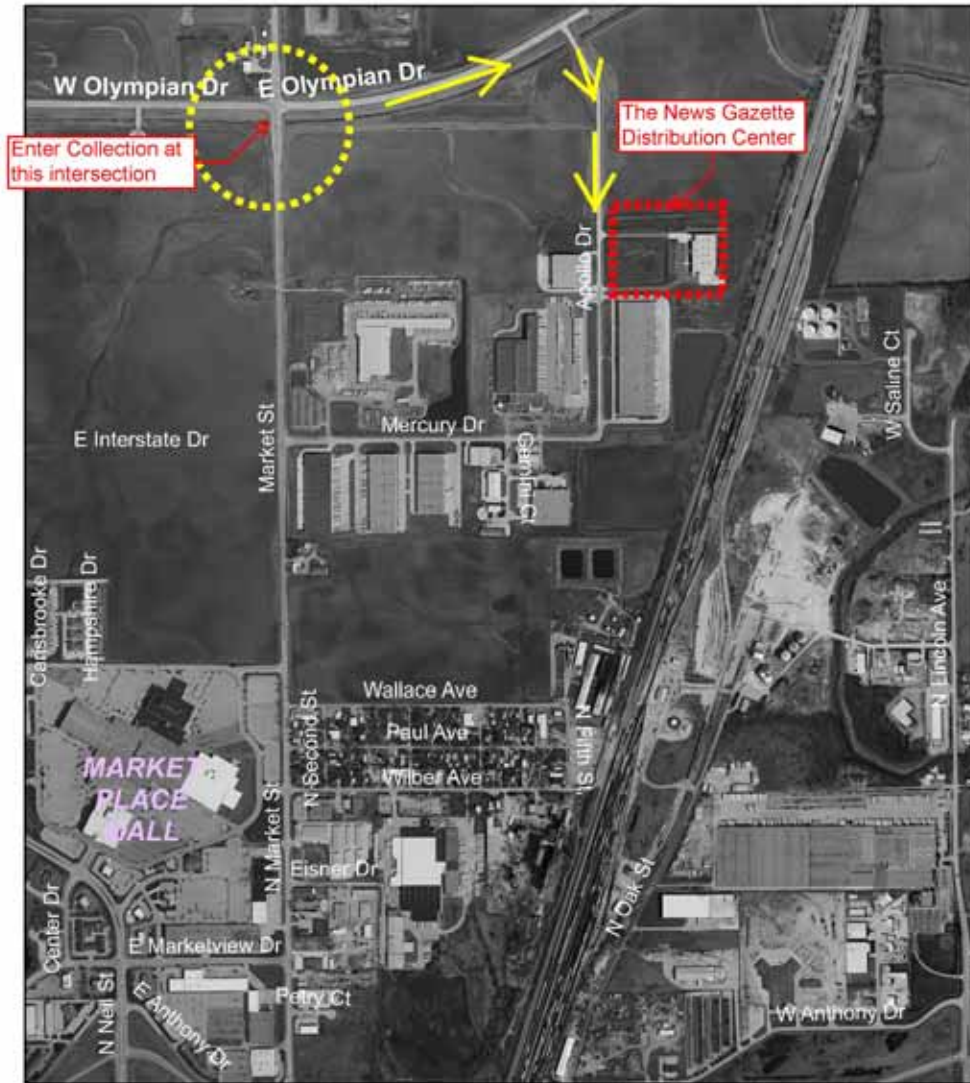
Digital video disc players
Video game consoles
Small scale servers
Scanners
Electronic mice
Digital converter boxes
Cable receivers
Satellite receivers
Digital video disc recorders



What if I have more questions?

If you have questions or for want more information about the upcoming May 5, 2012 Collection, please phone (217) 328-3313.

Location Map and Where to Enter the Collection



LOCATION MAP Countywide Residential Electronics Collection

Collection Date: Saturday, May 5, 2012

Who are the Sponsors?

The collections are coordinated by the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission and co-sponsored by the local government jurisdictions of City of Urbana, City of Champaign, Village of Savoy, Champaign County, and Champaign County Probation and Court Services. The News-Gazette, as sponsor, offers its Distribution Center as the host site for the 2012 collection events. Other sponsors include The Apollo Subdivision and Flooring Surfaces.