

New Gadgets?

Learn how to dispose of the old ones correctly

About 200 million US adults will purchase tech as a holiday gift this year, according to the Consumer Technology Association.¹ Let's be responsible about how we dispose of old electronics.



Recognize The Risks

Throwing electronics in your trash or recycling bin could cause fires, injure workers or harm the environment. Electronics and rechargeable batteries must be returned to specialized electronics recyclers.

The following can **NOT** be placed in your trash or recycling container:

- ✗ Cellphones
- ✗ Laptops
- ✗ Rechargeable Batteries
- ✗ Electric Scooters & Hoverboards
- ✗ Tablets
- ✗ Electronic Toys
- ✗ Cordless Power Tools
- ✗ Handheld Gaming Consoles

Organize Waste

When you have old items you no longer want to keep, divide them into different categories: sell, dispose of or donate.

Electronics that are in good working condition could benefit various organizations. Consider donating your old devices to secondhand stores or local charities.

Dispose of Safely

To find battery and electronics recyclers in your area, visit [Earth911.com](https://www.earth911.com). Or, to explore mail-back recycling options visit [RepublicServices.com/residents/recycling](https://www.republicservices.com/residents/recycling). Simply:

- 1 Choose a box size that fits your needs.
- 2 Fill the box.
- 3 Call for pickup or ship the box yourself.

When in Doubt, Look It Up.

Electronics don't belong in the regular recycling or trash carts. Visit [RepublicServices.com/Residents/Recycling/E-Waste](https://www.RepublicServices.com/Residents/Recycling/E-Waste) for more information.

1. [https://www.cta.tech/Resources/Newsroom/Media-Releases/2022/October/CTA-Previews-the-Hottest-Tech-Gifts-of-2022#:~:text=A%20record%2Dbreaking%2078%25%20\(three%20percentage%20points%20from%202021](https://www.cta.tech/Resources/Newsroom/Media-Releases/2022/October/CTA-Previews-the-Hottest-Tech-Gifts-of-2022#:~:text=A%20record%2Dbreaking%2078%25%20(three%20percentage%20points%20from%202021).



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