

Q&A

Q: What is Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA) Nova Scotia?

A: EPRA Nova Scotia is a not-for-profit industry-led organization that operates a government-approved end-of-life electronics recycling program throughout the province. Residents and businesses can drop off their unwanted electronics free of charge for safe, secure and responsible recycling at an EPRA Nova Scotia drop-off location.

Q: Isn't it important to reuse before recycling?

A: Absolutely. The EPRA Nova Scotia program is designed to manage end-of-life electronic products that have exhausted their reuse potential. If your electronic items are not at the end of their useful life, you are encouraged to explore reuse opportunities including donating them to family members, friends or charities.

Q: How does EPRA Nova Scotia ensure that electronics are recycled responsibly?

A: EPRA is committed to recycling end-of-life electronic products collected through our network of drop-off locations in a responsible manner. EPRA only works with recyclers who have been verified under the national Electronics Recycling Standard (ERS) which was designed by the electronics industry to ensure that end-of-life electronics are managed in a safe and environmentally-sound manner. This means that all EPRA verified recyclers must be actively processing material that is entrusted to them by EPRA. Further, our Recycler Qualification Office (RQO) verifies the recyclers against the ERS requirements. This ensures that recyclers are maintaining appropriate environmental, health and safety controls and are properly handling all materials. For more information, visit www.RQP.ca

Q: How do I know my personal information will not be seen or stolen?

A: Consumers and businesses are responsible for ensuring that all personal data is removed from their electronic devices, prior to bringing them to one of our drop-off locations. If you are unsure how to do this, contact the manufacturer for more information. While EPRA Nova Scotia requires that all of our recyclers protect data on end-of-life electronics from unauthorized access or theft, it is your obligation to protect your personal information. EPRA Nova Scotia does not accept liability for data or any other digital content that is left on electronic products collected at our drop-off locations.

Q: How is the program funded?

A: EPRA Nova Scotia is funded through Environmental Handling Fees (EHF) that are applied on the sale of all new regulated electronic products. It's not a tax, nor is it a refundable deposit. The EHF is based on the cost to recycle end-of-life electronic products. All program revenue is used for the collection, transportation and responsible recycling of end-of-life electronics as well as program administration.

Q: Where will my recycled electronics go?

A: EPRA Nova Scotia manages end-of-life electronics according to the highest environmental standards at every stage of the recycling process. Once collected and sorted, items are sent to an EPRA approved recycling facility for dismantling, and proper downstream management. All other materials are separated into different streams to recover metals, plastics, glass and natural resources so they can be processed into new products.

For more information, visit recycleMYelectronics.ca/NS

When you bring your electronics to EPRA/Recycle My Electronics authorized locations, you're helping to:

- Ensure the safe and secure destruction of personal data stored on hardware.
- Protect the health and safety of workers and handlers.
- Divert e-waste from Canadian landfills.
- Prevent e-waste from being illegally exported or handled by irresponsible recyclers, decreasing environmental issues for the planet.
- Recover and recycle resources that can be repurposed in the manufacturing supply chain, conserving natural resources.



To find out what and where to recycle, visit recycleMYelectronics.ca/NS

or call Toll-Free **1-877-462-8907**
or email infoNS@recycleMYelectronics.ca



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Don't let it go to waste.™



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What We Do

Safely and securely recycling electronics through the Recycle My Electronics program ensures that the resources inside are recovered and put back into the manufacturing supply chain.

About Electronic Products Recycling Association

As a recognized industry-led not-for-profit organization, Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA) provides environmental compliance programs for manufacturers, distributors and retailers of electronics. EPRA is responsible for implementing and operating, on behalf of their stewards, a safe and secure program for the recovery and reclamation of end-of-life electronic products.

Who are we?

Recycle My Electronics is your go-to resource for electronics recycling. We're here to help you recycle your end-of-life electronic products and provide educational resources.

To find out what and where to recycle, visit: recycleMYelectronics.ca/NS

What is Recycled in Nova Scotia

Electronics accepted at our drop-off locations



Display Devices

Televisions, monitors and all-in-one, flat panel (LCD, LED and plasma) and rear projection.



Desktop Computers

Desktop computers (including those acting as servers) and all bundled keyboards, mice, cables and internal components.



Portable Computers

Includes portable computers such as laptops, netbooks, notebooks and tablets.



Computer Peripherals

Includes both wired and wireless manual input devices such as keyboards, mice and trackballs.



Vehicle Audio/Video Systems (aftermarket)

Includes amplifiers, equalizers, speakers and audio/video components.



Home Theatre In-A-Box (HTB) Systems

Includes pre-packaged disc player/speaker/amplifier systems for use with video or television display to create a home theatre experience.



Home Audio/Video Systems

Includes VCR, DVD and CD players, digital cable and satellite equipment, speakers, amplifiers, receivers, data projectors and similar audio/video systems.



External Storage Drives & Modems

External hard drives, including home media network hard drives and external optical disk drives as well as network-attached storage devices (NAS), external CD-ROM, DVD and Blu-ray drives.



Desktop & Portable Scanners

Includes optical document/image scanning devices that reside on a desktop and portable devices. Including scanners but not limited to business card, cheque, photo negative, ID card as well as portable pen scanners.



Global Positioning System (GPS) Personal Portable & Vehicle (aftermarket)

GPS devices both for personal portable use (sports, leisure etc.) as well as aftermarket systems designed for use in a vehicle.



Personal Care Appliances

Includes hair cutting and drying appliances, tooth care appliances, shavers and massagers.



Devices for Measuring Time & Weight Scales

Including alarm clocks and wall clocks, timers, bathroom scales, food scales and luggage scales.



Air-Treatment Appliances (Air Conditioners not included)

Includes portable fans with plug, air purifiers, heaters, corded aromatherapy diffusers and humidifiers. Does not include air conditioners.



Floor or Carpet Care Appliances

Includes floor vacuums, carpet cleaners, robotic vacuums, handheld vacuums and stick vacuums.



Garment Care Appliances

Includes irons and steam cleaners.



Personal/Portable Audio/Video Systems

Includes docking speakers, portable stereos, portable CD players, portable audio recorders, tape/radio players, headphones, digital media (MP3) players, voice recorders, digital cameras and video cameras.



Phones (Telephones, Cellular & Smart Phone Devices, Pagers)

Includes corded and cordless telephones, as well as telephone answering machines; cellular phones, including those offering camera, video recording and/or audio functions; smartphones (cell-enabled); cell-enabled PDAs utilizing touch-screen technology; cell-enabled handheld devices.



Electronic Readers & Video Game Devices (Consoles, Handheld Devices & Controllers)

Includes personal and portable devices designed primarily for reading digital e-books and periodicals; gaming consoles; handheld gaming devices as well as game controllers and both wired and wireless joysticks.



Desktop Printers/ Multi-Function Devices

Printers designed to reside on a work surface, including laser and LED, ink jet, dot matrix, thermal, dye sublimation and "multi-function" copy, scan, fax and print devices. Stand-alone desktop scanners and fax machines are also included in this category.



Appliances & Microwave Ovens for Countertop Cooking

Includes countertop microwave ovens, toasters, toaster ovens, fryers, hot plates, bread makers, induction cookers, pressure cookers, waffle irons, coffee makers, espresso makers and kettles, blenders, mixers, food processors, coffee grinders, juice extractors, food dehydrators, devices for cutting food items, and devices for opening or sealing containers or packages. Please note built-in or over-the-range microwave ovens and microwave/range hood combinations are excluded from the program.