

COMPUTER AND OTHER ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL

Purpose: To ensure computers and used electronics designated for disposal are collected for disposal in accordance with environmental regulations.

Applicability: All University owned facilities and operations

Background: The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation have determined that most computers (CPUs and monitors) will fail the Toxicity Characteristic Leachate Test (TCLP) for lead. This is especially true for the old monitors (cathode ray tubes) which can contain 5 to 8 pounds of lead.

Newer computers may have resale value if they are not damaged or broken during handling. Such value can offset the cost of disposal for non-working components. It is important to not damage equipment during handling.

Disposal Process:

Please contact University IT by emailing ITEquipmentRecovery@Rochester.edu to schedule a pickup. Pick-up service is free for all University locations in Monroe County.

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