

FACT SHEET



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Indiana E-Cycle: Collectors Office of Program Support

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Background

- Effective July 1, 2009, the Indiana General Assembly enacted the Indiana Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Law (IC 13-20.5). The law created an extended producer responsibility (EPR) program (known as Indiana E-Cycle) that holds manufacturers of video display devices (VDDs) (televisions, computer monitors, laptops, netbooks, notebooks, tablet computers, and e-readers) responsible for collecting and recycling covered electronic devices from households, small businesses, and public schools in Indiana equal to at least sixty percent by weight of the VDDs they manufacture and sell to Indiana households.
 - Manufacturers can coordinate directly with collectors and recyclers to meet their annual recycling obligation; all collectors and recyclers that work with a manufacturer must be registered with the Indiana E-Cycle Program.
 - Manufacturers are able to count the collection and recycling of a variety of electronics (referred to as covered electronic devices (CEDs)) from Indiana households, small businesses and public schools, known as covered entities, toward their individual recycling obligations.
- The program aims to reduce the amount of e-waste being sent to Indiana landfills and ensure that hazardous substances found in e-waste are being managed in an appropriate and environmentally responsible manner.
- In the Indiana E-Cycle Program, a collector is any entity that receives CEDs directly from Indiana households, small businesses, and/or public schools and arranges for the delivery of the items to a recycler.
 - The recycler can be the same as the entity that collected them.
 - Collectors can include local units of government, solid waste management districts, curbside collection programs, manufacturer mail-back programs, and any other collection program, in Indiana or elsewhere, in which CEDs are collected from Indiana covered entities.
- Collectors must be registered with IDEM in order to collect CEDs.
- Collectors operate on a calendar year (January 1 – December 31).



Registration

- Collectors that participate in the Indiana E-Cycle Program must submit an online registration and annual report by March 1. This report covers the previous calendar year, ending on December 31, and can serve as both the registration for the current year and the annual report for the previous calendar year. Collectors can access the online report through IDEM's Re-TRAC portal: <https://connect.re-trac.com/registration/idem>.
 - There is no registration fee for collectors.
- As part of the annual registration, collectors must provide the following information:
 - Contact information for the person responsible for ensuring compliance with the Indiana E-Waste Law (IC 13-20.5).

- A certification that the collector is compliant with Indiana's E-Waste Management Rules (329 IAC 16).
- Collectors must register with the Indiana E-Cycle Program in order to assist a manufacturer in meeting their recycling obligation. Only CEDs collected by registered collectors from Indiana households, small businesses, and public schools can be counted toward a manufacturer's recycling obligation.
 - Manufacturers are responsible for confirming that those collecting CEDs on their behalf are registered with the program.
 - Collectors are responsible for ensuring that their registration is renewed annually.

E-Waste collection locations are exempt from registration as an e-waste storage and processing facility under 329 IAC 16 for one or more of the following reasons:

- The facility stores fewer than 23 tons of e-waste on-site at any given time;
- The facility stores e-waste for fewer than five days at a time;
- The facility is not located in Indiana; and
- The facility holds a valid permit under Indiana's Hazardous Waste Management Facility Rules (329 IAC 3.1), Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility Rules (329 IAC 10), or Solid Waste Processing Facility Rules (329 IAC 11).

Extended Producer Responsibility

- Because the Indiana E-Cycle Program is an EPR program, manufacturers assume the financial responsibility for implementing their recycling plans and meeting their recycling obligations.
 - While the law neither requires nor prohibits consumer or collector recycling fees, a goal of the program is to reduce or eliminate recycling fees for the public, as well as to help alleviate some of the financial burden of e-waste collection on local programs.

Collection and Recycling Efforts

- Registered collectors must maintain records of all CEDs collected from covered entities during each program year, including how many pounds were collected from metropolitan counties and how many pounds were collected from non-metropolitan counties.
- CEDs collected from non-covered entities, including private schools, not-for-profits, government agencies, and large businesses, as well as non-CED items, cannot be counted toward a manufacturer's recycling obligation.
- Manufacturers are encouraged through incentives to utilize recycling facilities located in Indiana (10 percent incentive - each pound can be counted as 1.1 pounds), as well as to expand their collection efforts into non-metropolitan Indiana counties (50 percent incentive - each pound can be counted as 1.5 pounds).
 - These incentives are not mutually exclusive; a 60 percent incentive (each pound can be counted as 1.6 pounds) is provided for pounds of CEDs that are both collected in a non-metropolitan county and recycled at a recycling facility in Indiana.
 - List of metropolitan and non-metropolitan counties in Indiana, can be found here: www.IN.gov/idem/recycle/2380.htm.
- Collectors cannot conduct any type of demanufacturing, dismantling, processing, or recycling. These activities require the collector to also be registered as a recycler.

Reporting

- Collector annual reports are due each year for the previous program year. This annual report is included with the new online registration and reporting system, and is due by March 1, 2017. The report must include the following information about the previous program year:

- The total weight, in pounds, of CEDs collected from Indiana covered entities;
- A breakdown of how many pounds of CEDs were collected from metropolitan counties and how many pounds were collected from non-metropolitan counties; and
- The recycler(s) to which the collector delivered or sent the CEDs.

IDEM's Role

- IDEM is responsible for protecting human health and the environment while providing for safe industrial, agricultural, commercial and governmental operations that are vital to a prosperous economy.
- IDEM's Office of Program Support (OPS) is responsible for administering the Indiana E-Cycle Program. OPS manages all aspects of the program, including registration reporting and compliance.

Definitions

- **Collector**: a public or private entity that:
 - receives CEDs from covered entities and arranges for the delivery of the CEDs to a recycler; or
 - collects CEDs directly from covered entities, including curbside collection.
- **Covered electronic device (CED)**: a computer, fax machine, DVD player (including gaming systems that can play DVDs), video cassette recorder, digital photo frame, digital media player, MP3 player, camcorder, camera, DVR, portable GPS navigation system, video display device, or peripheral (including keyboards, mice, external hard drives, and printers) that is sold to a covered entity by means of retailer, wholesale or electronic commerce. An all-in-one printer/scanner/copier or a projector can be considered a peripheral if the item is designed exclusively for external use with a computer.
- **Covered entity**: an Indiana household, public school or small business.
 - **Household**: occupants of a dwelling located in Indiana who use a VDD primarily for personal use or home office use.
 - **Small business**: a business that satisfies all of the following:
 - The business is independently owned and operated.
 - The principal office of the business is located in Indiana.
 - The business satisfies either of the following:
 - If the business is in manufacturing, it cannot have more than 100 employees.
 - **Public school**: a K-12 public school or charter school.
 - A public school is a school maintained by a public school corporation established by Indiana law.
 - A charter school is a public elementary school or secondary school that is nonsectarian and nonreligious and operates under a charter.
- **Manufacturer**: a person that:
 - Manufactures VDDs to be sold under the person's own brand or license as identified by the person's own brand label or license;
 - Sells VDDs manufactured by others under the person's own brand or license as identified by the person's own brand label or license; or
 - Assumes the responsibilities and obligations of a manufacturer.
- **Recycler**: an individual or public entity that accepts CEDs from covered entities and collectors for the purpose of recycling.
- **Recycling**: the process of collecting and preparing CEDs for use in manufacturing processes or for recovery of usable materials followed by delivery of the materials for use.
 - The term does not include the following:
 - Destruction of recyclable materials by incineration or another process.
 - Land disposal of recyclable materials.

- Reuse, repair, or any other process through which video display devices or covered electronic devices are returned to use for covered entities in their original form.
- Video display device (VDD): a television or computer monitor, including a laptop computer, netbook, notebook, tablet computer, or e-reader, that contains a cathode ray tube or flat panel screen with a screen size that is greater than four inches measured diagonally and is marketed by a manufacturer for use by covered entities.

Additional Information

- For registration and reporting forms and a list of registered collectors, please visit the Indiana E-Cycle collectors page: www.IN.gov/idem/recycle/2381.htm.
- General information about the Indiana E-Cycle Program can be found at: www.IN.gov/idem/recycle/2373.htm.
- For more information on the Indiana E-Waste Law, please visit www.IN.gov/legislative/ic/code/title13/ar20.5/.
- For more information on Indiana's Electronic Waste Management Rules, please visit www.IN.gov/legislative/iac/T03290/A00160.PDF.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact IDEM's Office of Program Support at (800) 988-7901 or E-Cycle@idem.IN.gov.