

# Talkin' Trash *With Chris McCullough*

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## Don't Forget! New Landfill Ban Starts January 1



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The New Year will ring in an Oregon landfill ban on computers, monitors and TVs. The ban prohibits any person from disposing of computers, monitors and televisions into any Oregon landfill or incinerator. It also prohibits solid waste disposal facilities - including permitted MRFs, transfer stations, incinerators and landfills - from accepting these devices for disposal. Any operator knowingly violating the ban may face penalties up to \$500 per item.

One thing that makes this ban different from others is that the program is designed to help prevent acceptance of these devices. Disposal facility operators have submitted modified operation plans that list those actions they are taking to stop these devices from ending up in the disposal stream. Many have prepared for the ban by notifying customers through signage posted at their facilities and by offering recycling information at facility gates. Haulers and facilities are also getting information to their customers (both in-state and out-of-state

customers) with billings, newsletters and articles.

Other key activities that facilities are engaging in will include load screenings, on-site management practices for handling and storage, and staff training. A common question has been, "What do we do with these items?" The answer: Simply recycle them at an approved drop off location. A complete list of appropriate locations appears below. Another question is about enforcement of the ban. DEQ will monitor disposal facilities through routine inspections and will provide technical assistance to facilities to help bring them into compliance. Local governments are also playing a key role in helping to get the word out. For example, Douglas County Public Works has been on the airwaves with a PSA about the ban. Douglas County has also made available hand-outs with all the necessary information at all of the eleven transfer stations and they are available online at [www.recyclepower.org](http://www.recyclepower.org).

### More about Oregon E-cycles

Oregon E-Cycles is a statewide electronics-recycling program financed by electronics manufacturers and jointly implemented with the Oregon Department of Environmental

Quality. Anyone can bring seven or fewer computers (desktops and laptops), monitors and TVs at a time to qualifying Oregon E-Cycles collectors for free recycling. The program does not provide free recycling of keyboards, mice, speakers, printers, scanners or other types of electronics or appliances. However, here in Douglas County, those items and many more will be accepted free of charge. In addition, local citizens are encouraged to do their recycling duty and recycle ALL electronic waste to help the County save money, energy, and resources.

Consumers can get more information and find Oregon E-Cycles collection sites in Douglas County and beyond by visiting DEQ's website, <http://www.oregonecycles.org>, or by calling toll-free, 1-888-5-ECYCLE (1-888-532-9253).

For more information on recycling in Douglas County, visit [www.RecyclePower.org](http://www.RecyclePower.org).

### E-Waste Drop-off Locations in Douglas County

Next Generation Recycling: 1900 SE Main St., Roseburg, (541) 229-9889

Sunrise Enterprises: All Locations (541) 673-0195

Goodwill Industries: All Locations (541) 673-6032

Douglas County Solid Waste Transfer Stations. All locations except Roseburg and Slide Creek

## Happy Holidays

### Recycle Your Tree Into Mulch

Take your tree to the landfill or transfer site. It will be turned into a mulch, available at the landfill at no cost to county residents.

Please remove all lights, tinsel, and decorations. No metal or plastic tree stands, but wood stands okay.



**Douglas County Public Works**

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