

The Global E-Waste Emergency!



Did you know that E-Waste (computers, televisions, cell phones, etc.) are one of the most toxic forms of waste polluting our world today?! Many countries and states have already banned these materials from going to our landfills (and more will follow)! Even though E-Waste recycling programs are available many of these programs are actually no better for the environment or human health than throwing these materials into the landfill!????!

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Did you also know that last year Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids recycled 875,000 lbs of used computers? Similarly we recycled over 332,000 of obsolete televisions?

So how do we know if what we are doing with these materials is right for the environment and the world's health?

Well, I'm glad that you asked...

The partners that we use for E-Waste have commitments to the responsible handling of these materials. Dell has been recognized all over the world for their responsible handling of end-of-life computer electronics. <http://content.dell.com/us/en/corp/d/corp-comm/e-waste.aspx>

Similarly our partner for recycling televisions is *E-Steward Certified* by the Basel Action Network (BAN) the primary watchdog for e-waste practices and exports. This certification recognizes that the partner we use for television recycling does not export any electronic waste...
<http://e-stewards.org/certification-overview/>