

5 Ways to Recycle eWaste Year-round

Electronic waste (eWaste) recycling opportunities are available throughout the year. Here are some options to get you started:

1. The Detroit Zoo - The Gorillas on the Line Campaign (February 1 – April 30)

Recycling old phones and other electronics through this campaign raises money to support gorilla conservation initiatives through Gorilla SAFE programs. A mineral used in cell phones called Coltan is found in high concentrations and mined from endangered gorilla habitat. You can drop off your device at the Zoo's main entrance, the Rackham Fountain entrance, or the Great Apes Building. Alternatively, if you or your business is interested in partnering with the zoo, please contact Aaron Jesue at ajesue@dzs.org

2. The Detroit Zoo - America Recycles Day (week of November 15)

For the past few years, the Detroit Zoo has hosted a community eWaste collection event. This past year had a tremendous turnout that resulted in over 31 tons of eWaste collected! Moreover, we were thrilled to have over 900 responses to our pre-event survey to help us plan for the event. Both the participation and feedback received was encouraging.

3. County Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Oakland County: NoHaz monthly events April – September, NoHazNoHaz.com.com

Macomb County: Currently not holding events, check eCycleOpps.org for available collections

Wayne County: Visit their website for more information

<https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/environmental/home.aspx>

4. Your Community Household Hazardous Waste, Events or Drop-offs (year-round)

Check with your city or township office to learn about upcoming collection events. Many offer a one-day collection event throughout the year. Members of RRRASOC and SOCRRRA communities can recycle eWaste and other household hazardous waste for free at ERG Environmental. Other communities are eligible to drop off acceptable waste for a fee. Click [here](#) to find drop off centers, acceptable and non-acceptable items, hours, fees, and more!

5. Direct to the Electronic Manufacturer (year-round)

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy oversees an *Electronic Waste Takeback Program*. Companies that sell TVs and computers in Michigan are required by law to offer an electronic recycling (takeback) program free and convenient for households and small businesses (less than 10 employees). Part of this requirement includes maintaining a website informing consumers how to recycle TVs and computers. The 2022 list of registered companies can be found at this [link](#).

The Detroit Zoological Society is committed to being your trusted resource in sustainable living. Should you have any suggestions or questions, please contact sustainability@dzs.org