



**WASTE MANAGEMENT**

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December 2011,

Dear Municipal Customer,

This is an important reminder of a change in Illinois law that will prohibit the disposal of a broad range of electronics waste products in landfills. In 2008, the Illinois legislature passed Public Act 95-0959 – Electronic Products Recycling & Reuse Act that requires the manufacturers of certain electronic devices to pay for the collection and recycling of the materials they produce. To ensure compliance with the new regulation, the state imposed a ban on the disposal of these electronics in Illinois landfills. Effective January 1, 2012, waste haulers, including Waste Management, that operate in Illinois can no longer accept listed electronics products for collection with municipal refuse. This includes electronics from both businesses and residences.

The prohibited items include the following:

Televisions	Video game consoles
Monitors	Small-scale servers
Printers	Scanners
Computers (including tablet computers)	Electronic mice
Electronic keyboards	Digital converter boxes
Facsimile machines	Cable receivers
Videocassette recorders	Satellite receivers
Portable digital music players	Digital video disc recorders
Digital video disc players	

Beginning in 2012, manufacturers of electronics covered under the law will be responsible for collecting and refurbishing or recycling a percentage of the weight of products they have sold in Illinois in the two prior years. Illinois will require manufacturers of electronics to report the total weight of the electronic devices sold under each of the manufacturer's brand names. Forty percent of the weight of items that each manufacturer sold at retail during 2010 must be recycled. Manufacturers with products for sale in Illinois must register with the state and list their brands for sale.

Retailers also will be responsible for providing consumers with end-of-product-life information and with guidance from the website of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on where and how a consumer can recycle electronics.

For your community's purposes, effective January 1, 2012, the mixing of electronics with municipal waste intended for disposal in landfills is prohibited. This means consumers can no longer dispose of the listed electronics with their garbage beginning in 2012 and landfills will not

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accept electronics for disposal. It's important to highlight that the listed electronic wastes are not part of the curbside recycling program and they should not be comingled with recyclables.


Free electronic recycling options are available for Will County Area communities and information about electronic recycling is available at [www.willcountygreen.com](http://www.willcountygreen.com). Information about the various electronics recycling options can also be found there, as well as information about the County's first-in-the-state front-door collection service options. Will County has 13 electronics recycling drop-off centers and hours will vary by site. Links to local retail outlets that accept recycling are also listed on the web site. If needed, Waste Management can provide for curbside collection for up to three covered items for a charge of \$25.00.

Additional information about the law and recycling options are also available from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency at 217-524-6713 or at the IEPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/index.html>.

We understand that compliance with the new requirements will require some patience and education. Waste Management is committed to complying fully with all Illinois regulations governing its facilities. We appreciate your support in helping us meet these new requirements. I have attached a letter from the IEPA that also addresses the new law.

We sincerely appreciate your business and cooperation with this new change. Please call me if you have any questions at (815) 773-1196.

Sincerely,



Michael Morley  
Municipal Marketing Manager



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October 18, 2011

Dear Landfill Operator:

This letter is to remind you of an upcoming law that will affect your landfill operation. Beginning January 1, 2012, P.A. 97-0287 bans the landfill disposal of many electronic items.

Items from both residential and business/commercial sources are included in this ban and are as follows.

**Televisions**  
**Monitors**  
**Printers**  
**Computers (including tablet computers)**  
**Electronic Keyboards**  
**Facsimile Machines**  
**Videocassette Recorders**  
**Portable Digital Music Players**  
**Digital Video Disc Players**  
**Video Game Consoles**  
**Small Scale Servers**  
**Scanners**  
**Electronic Mice**  
**Digital Converter Boxes**  
**Cable Receivers**  
**Satellite Receivers**  
**Digital Video Disc Recorders**

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I encourage you to share this reminder with haulers using your landfill: doing so may help your compliance with this new ban. The generator of the electronic product has the initial responsibility to keep the item out of the general waste stream.

This list of electronic items joins other items banned from landfill disposal in Illinois including, lead-acid batteries, landscape waste, tires, white goods, and motor oil.

If you have any further questions on this new landfill ban please feel free to contact me at 217-782-9261.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Walters", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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