

DATE: November 1, 2011

TO: Waste Haulers Licensed by Madison County Solid Waste

FROM: Leah Dettmers, Sustainability Coordinator

RE: Upcoming Landfill Ban on Electronic Items

CC: All Local Units of Government

The purpose of this letter is to: A) inform you about the January 1, 2012 landfill ban on certain electronic items ; and B) inquire as to how your hauling operations will handle these items following the landfill ban.

Background on State Law

In 2009 the State of Illinois passed the Electronic Products Recycling & Reuse Act. The Act requires manufacturers of certain electronic items to register with the State and to meet recycling goals established by the State. The Act also includes a landfill ban on certain electronic items, beginning January 1, 2012. Recently, the Act was expanded by the State and the list of items to be banned from landfills now includes:

Computers	Facsimile machines	Scanners
Computer monitors	Videocassette recorders	Digital converter boxes
Televisions	Portable digital music players	Cable receivers
Printers	Digital video disc players	Satellite receivers
Electronic keyboards	Video games consoles	Digital video disc recorders
	Electronic mice	Small-scale servers

While the State does not require manufacturers to address recycling of electronics from non-residential sources, the landfill ban applies to the above items regardless of their generation source. Information on this State law can be found online at:

www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/index.html

Collection Regulations

If you intend to collect the electronics listed above from residential sources, you must either register with the State (in accordance with Section 55 of the Act), or you must partner your collection operations with another entity registered with the State as an electronics “collector”.

Registered collectors are allowed to charge for electronics pickup service, but otherwise collectors are not allowed to charge for recycling of residential electronics. Haulers collecting electronics from non-residential sources are not required to register with the State and may charge any fees they wish for the service.

Once electronics are collected, you may only utilize an entity registered with the State as either a “collector”, “recycler/refurbisher” or “manufacturer” for recycling of the items (if they are from residential sources). For a list of those entities registered with the State in any of these categories, please see the IEPA website listed previously in this letter.

Currently, there are multiple collectors and recyclers in the Metro East Area. Please contact a local recycler for more information on how to dispose of the residential electronic waste. A complete list of registered recyclers and collectors can be found online at:

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/recycler-list.html>

Madison County has also been involved in spring and fall electronics collection events for residential items only and these items have been picked up by a contractor and processed. At this time, the status of these local government-sponsored collection events is unclear beyond 2011.

Enforcement

We understand this law may be confusing. That is why we are attempting to educate haulers about the Act and help answer any questions prior to implementation of the landfill ban. This is a State law and any efforts to enforce it in Madison County will likely come from the State. However, as a unit of local government, we will assist the State with enforcement efforts if we become aware of actions to flaunt the regulations.

A hauler, landfill, or any other business that causes or allows these items to be mixed with waste headed for a landfill is subject to a \$500 penalty. Residents in non-compliance are subject to a \$25 penalty.

For further questions or information, please contact Madison County Planning & Development at (618)296-4666. Thank you for your attention in this matter.