

Texas Computer Equipment Recycling Program Reported Collection Results for Calendar Year 2009 February 2010



Overview

Used computer equipment is a rapidly growing source of waste in Texas and across the country. While this equipment contains valuable resources that can be reused or recycled, historically, rates for reusing and recycling used computer equipment have remained low. In an effort to increase the reuse and recycling of these resources, the Texas Computer Recycling Program was established by House Bill 2714 in the 80th legislative session. The Bill requires manufacturers offering to sell new computer equipment in or into Texas to provide a free and convenient program for collecting and recycling consumers' used computer equipment.

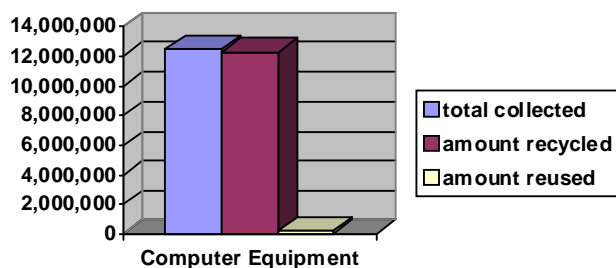
Requirements

Each manufacturer is responsible for collecting and recycling its own brand(s) of computer equipment. Law requires that all computer equipment must be collected, reused, and recycled in an environmentally sound manner (30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §[328.149](#)). Computer equipment is defined as a desktop or notebook computer, including a computer monitor or other display device that does not contain a tuner (30 TAC §[328.135](#)). The definition also includes accompanying keyboards and mice made by the manufacturer. Manufacturers' programs must cover computer equipment purchased primarily for personal or home-business use—regardless of when it was purchased; that is, not just computer equipment purchased after this bill was passed. Other requirements of note are:

- Consumers are responsible for any information, in any form, that is left on the consumer's computer equipment.
- Retailers may not sell or offer to sell new computer equipment in Texas unless the equipment is labeled with the manufacturer's brand(s) and the manufacturer is included on the commission's online list of manufacturers.
- Manufacturers are responsible for submitting an annual recycling report to the commission by January 31 of each year with the weight of the computer equipment collected, recycled, and reused during the preceding calendar year.

Results from Manufacturers' Annual Report for 2009

The total combined weight of computer equipment collected in 2009 by all manufacturers that submitted a report was 12,478,301 lbs. The total amount reused was



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223,847 lbs. The total amount recycled was 12,254,443 lbs.

The TCEQ's goal is to increase customer awareness of the TexasRecyclesComputers.org Web site to encourage Texans to participate in this free, convenient, and environmentally sound program.

Table 1. List of Manufacturers Sorted by Brand Name

Brand	Manufacturer	Brand	Manufacturer
Acer, Acer View	Acer America Corporation	Motion	Motion Computing, Inc.
Advanced PC, Advanced PC Quasar	Advanced PC Products, Inc.	MPC	MPC Computers
AG Neovo	AG Neovo	NCR	NCR Corporation
Alienware	Dell Inc.	NEC, NEC AccuSync, NEC MultiSync, NEC Multeos	NEC Display Solutions of America, Inc.
Altex Electronics	Altex Electronics Ltd.	Nexlink	Seneca Data Distributors
AMAX	AMAX Engineering Corporation	Next	Apple Inc.
AOC	Envision Peripherals, Inc. (EPI)	Nobilis	Equus Computer Systems
Apollo Computer	Hewlett Packard Company	Nobleview	Equus Computer Systems
Apple	Apple Inc.	Nokia Booklet3G	Nokia
ARM Electronics, Inc.	ARM Electronics, Inc.	Nokia (CRT & LCD)	ViewSonic
ARMOR C12	DRS Tactical Systems Inc.	No Nonsense Computers	No Nonsense
ARMOR X10	DRS Tactical Systems Inc.	Optiquest	ViewSonic
Aspire	Acer America Corporation	Panasonic	Panasonic (ECO International's ECO Take Back)
ASUS	ASUS Computer International	Paxson Enterprises, Inc.	Paxson Enterprises, Inc.
Austin Computing Solutions	Austin Computing Solutions	PC & Cable	PC & Cable
Averatec	TriGemUSA	Planar	Planar Systems, Inc.
Axiontech.com	Axiontech.com	Powerspec	IPSG
Bass Computers, Inc.	Bass Computers, Inc.	Premio	Premio, Inc.
BenQ	BenQ America Corp.	Prime Systems	Prime Systems
Bits Technical Corporation	Bits Technical Corporation	RCS Technologies	RCS Technologies, Inc.
Bright Ideas Computing	Bright Ideas Computing	Samsung	Samsung Electronics Co.(ECO International's ECO Take Back)
Compaq	Hewlett Packard Company	Samtron	Samsung Electronics Co. (ECO International's ECO Take Back)
Computer Link	TCL The Computer Link, LLC	Sceptre	Sceptre, Inc.
Computer Shak, Inc.	Computer Shak, Inc.	Shuttle Computer Group, Inc.	Shuttle Computer Group, Inc.
Cybervisionq	ViewSonic	Sigma ITPD	Sigma ITPD
David Anderson Consulting	David Anderson Consulting	Slimnote	GammaTech Computer Corp.
Dell	Dell Inc.	Sony	Sony Electronics Inc. (ECO International's ECO Take Back)
Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC)	Hewlett Packard Company	Starlogic	Fourstar Group
Directron.com, Inc.	Directron.com Inc.	Sun	Sun Microsystems, Inc.
Double Eagle Services Inc.	Double Eagle Services, Inc.	Synaps	Fourstar Group
DoubleSight	DoubleSight Displays	Syncmaster	Samsung Electronics Co. (ECO International's ECO Take Back)
Durabook	GammaTech Computer Corp.	Systemax	Systemax Inc.
Dynex	Best Buy	Tadpole	General Dynamics Itronix (via Anything IT)
eMachines	Gateway, Inc.	That Computer Store	That Computer Store
Envision	Envision Peripherals, Inc. (EPI)	Toshiba	Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc.

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Fujitsu, Fujitsu-Siemens	Fujitsu Computer Systems Corporation	Touchmark	Fourstar Group
Gateway	Gateway, Inc.	Ultra	Systemax Inc.
General Dynamics Itronix	General Dynamics Itronix (via Anything IT)	University Computer Store	University Computer Stores
Goldstar	LG Electronics USA, Inc.	Utobia	ViewSonic
Hammerhead	DRS Tactical Systems Inc.	V7	V7
Hanns-G, Hannspree	Hannspree	VideoTex Systems	VideoTex
Hewlett-Packard	Hewlett Packard Company	ViewSonic	ViewSonic
Hitachi	Hitachi Home Electronics (America) Inc. (ECO International's ECO Take Back)	VitaMobility	Equus Computer Systems
Howard	Howard Technology Solutions	Vizio	Vizio (ECO International's ECO Take Back)
Hyundai, Hyundai Imagequest	Hyundai IT	VooDoo PC	Hewlett Packard Company
I-Inc	Hannspree	Vuescape	Fourstar Group
IBM	International Business Machines	Wakstar	Wakstar, LLC (Ken's Workshop/Southern Star)
Insignia	Best Buy	Westgate Computers	Westgate Computers
Itronix	General Dynamics Itronix (via Anything IT)	Westinghouse	Westinghouse Digital Electronics
Komputer+	Komputer+ Peripherals	Winbook	IPSG
Lenovo	Lenovo (United States) Inc.	Workhorse	Workhorse Computers
LG	LG Electronics USA, Inc.	Wyse Technology	Wyse Technology
M&A Technology	M&A Technology	Xi Computer, @Xi Computer	@Xi Computer Corp.
Magic Box Solutions	Magic Box Solutions	Zenith	LG Electronics USA, Inc.
Manda	M&A Technology	ZT, ZT Systems	ZT Systems
Maverick Computer Services	Maverick Computer Services	Zydeco Technologies	Zydeco Technologies
Mitsubishi DiamondPoint, Mitsubishi DiamondPro	NEC Display Solutions of America, Inc.		