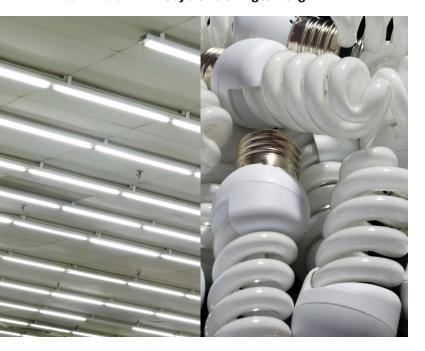
# Product Stewardship: At Work in Washington

## **E-Cycle Washington**

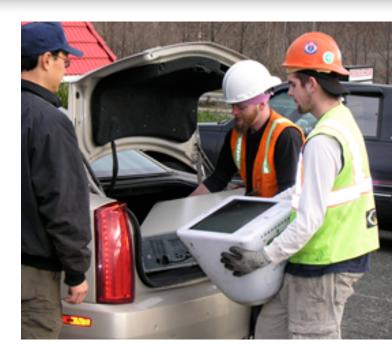
The E-Cycle Washington program, launched in 2009, is financed by computer and TV manufacturers. The statewide program provides convenient, environmentally-sound recycling of covered electronics for Washington residents and small businesses. The costs of the recycling program are included in the price of the product – no fee is charged when the product is recycled.

- 330 collection sites across the state.
- 90 percent of residents have a recycling location within 10 miles of their home.
- Manufacturers have provided \$36 million dollars in electronics recycling services at no cost to local governments from Jan 2009 - August 2012.
- Created 80 new processing jobs.
- Recycled 148 million pounds of electronics.
- Recycled 6.9 million pounds of lead and reduced pollution.

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# **Mercury Lights Program**

**Coming in 2013,** the Mercury-Containing Lights Recycling Program will provide Washington residents with environmentally sound recycling of fluorescent tubes and bulbs.The program, financed by lamp manufacturers, will:

- Create a statewide recycling program for mercury lighting.
- **Provide convenient locations** where residents can recycle mercury lights.
- Keep mercury out of our trash and landfills.

Learn more: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/mercurylights/index.html

### **Get Involved!**

Join with other local governments in Washington to work with the manufacturers of paint and batteries on manufacturer-financed recycling programs!

# Manufacturers support Product Stewardship

Manufacturers of rechargeable batteries and paint are working in Washington State on legislation to ensure delivery of effective product stewardship programs for their products.

### **Rechargeable Batteries**

Call2Recycle, an organization established in 1994 to provide industry-sponsored collection and recycling of rechargeable batteries, is pursuing legislation in Washington in 2013. If passed, this legislation would:

- Support/expand the statewide collection and recycling program for rechargeable batteries.
- Ensure stable financing by requiring all rechargeable battery manufacturers to fund the program.
- Save local governments money in 2011,
   Call2Recycle collected 31,000 pounds of rechargeable batteries, saving local governments \$25,000 in costs.
- Remove thousands of pounds of heavy metals from Washington's landfills and incinerators.

For more information, contact Margaret Shield, Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, email: margaret.shield@kingcounty.gov, 206-265-9732.



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### **Paint**

The paint industry is pursuing legislation in Washington in 2013, based on the successful pilot program in Oregon. If passed, the legislation would:

- Create a statewide recycling program for unwanted paint financed by the paint manufacturers.
- Provide more convenient locations where people can recycle their leftover paint.
- **Create new jobs-** 12 new jobs have been created in Oregon since the start of the program.
- Increase recycling of latex paint and proper management of oil based paint.
- Save local governments money the Oregon pilot program has saved local governments \$4.4 million in management costs since the program started in 2010.

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