

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.

Learn more: www.ecyclewashington.org



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!

Learn more: www.ProductStewardship.net

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.



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 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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