

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-responsible recycling of specific electronics (including computers, TVs, monitors and DVD players) for Washington residents and small businesses. Manufacturers pay for this recycling program—no fee is charged when the product is returned for recycling.

- **330 collection sites** across the state.
- **90 percent of residents** have a recycling location within 10 miles of their home.
- **Created more than 125 new processing jobs.**
- **Recycled more than 250 million pounds of electronics.**
- **98% safely recycled** or reused.
- **Manufacturers have provided more than \$67 million in electronics recycling services** reducing costs to local government and their ratepayers. (January 2009-December 2014).

Learn more: www.ecyclewashington.org



Learn more about Product Stewardship:
www.ProductStewardship.net

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Mercury-Containing Lights Program

LightRecycle Washington launched January 1, 2015 and provides Washington residents with an environmentally-sound recycling program for fluorescent tubes, bulbs, and other mercury-containing lights. The statewide program provided by lamp manufacturers is financed by an environmental handling charge added to the price of new mercury-containing lights sold at retail locations in Washington State. The program:

- **Creates a statewide recycling program** for mercury-containing lights.
- **Provides convenient locations** where residents can recycle mercury lights at no charge.
- **Keeps mercury out of our trash**, our landfills and incinerators, and our environment.

Learn more: www.lightrecycleWA.org

Manufacturers support Product Stewardship



Manufacturers of rechargeable batteries and paint are working in Washington State on programs and 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, collected more than 201,000 lbs of rechargeable batteries in Washington State last year from retail drop-off sites, local governments, and businesses. That helped save local communities more than \$225,000. In 2013, rechargeable battery stewardship legislation was pursued that would have:

- **Expanded the statewide collection and recycling program** for rechargeable batteries.
- **Ensured stable financing** by requiring rechargeable battery manufacturers to fund the program.
- **Removed thousands of pounds of hazardous metals** from Washington's landfills and incinerators.



Paint

The paint industry has been working to pass legislation in Washington to create a stewardship system for oil-based and latex paint. Similar laws have recently passed in 8 other states with PaintCare programs up and running in OR, CA, MN, VT, RI and CT. If the 2015 bill passes in Washington, the legislation will:

- **Create a statewide paint recycling program** provided by the paint manufacturers and sustainably financed through sales of paint.
- **Provide more convenient locations** where people can take back their leftover paint.
- **Create new jobs** – 11 new jobs were created in Oregon since the program began in 2010.
- **Increase reuse and recycling of latex paint** and proper management of oil-based paint.
- **Save communities money** – Oregon's local communities saved more than \$3.4 million in the first two years of the program.

Get Involved!

Join with other local governments in Washington to work with manufacturers of paint and batteries on effective stewardship programs!

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