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Electronic Hazardous Waste (E-Waste)

What is E-Waste?

"E-waste" refers to any unwanted **electronic device** or Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) and is classified as universal waste. E-waste frequently contains **hazardous materials**, predominantly lead (monitors) and mercury (circuitry), and is produced by households, businesses, governments, and industries.

Policy.

Due to the presence of heavy metals electronics destined for disposal actually meet the definition of Hazardous Waste. California Baptist University is mandated by law to properly dispose of electronic equipment – either through a qualified disposal company, or through recycling.

If you need to dispose of any computer/telephone/copier/printer equipment, you must first contact ITS (x4444) to arrange for the safe disposal/recycling. For all other electronic equipment, contact Facilities & Planning Services (x4360) to arrange for proper disposal.

There may be a disposal fee charged, depending on the type and size of the equipment removed.

Electronic devices.

The following is a list of common electronic devices; however, this list is not to be considered a complete list:

- CRT devices including older televisions and computer monitors
- Televisions (including LCD and Plasma).
- Computers (including keyboards, LCD desktop computer monitors, and laptop computers).
- Telephones, cell phones, and answering machines, calculators.
- Stereo equipment, radios, tape, portable DVD players, video recorders, CD players, etc.
- Microwaves.

Additionally certain electronic devices are considered "covered electronic devices". A "covered electronic device" (CED) is an electronic device that is covered by the Electronic Waste Recycling Act. The purchaser of a CED pays a fee at the time of purchase, which is used to pay collectors and recyclers of CEDs that are no longer wanted. The law defines a CED as any video display device with a screen greater than 4 inches, measured diagonally, in size that fits into one of the following categories is a CED:

- Cathode ray tube containing devices (CRT devices)
- Cathode ray tubes (CRTs)
- Computer monitors containing cathode ray tubes
- Laptop computers with liquid crystal display (LCD)
- LCD containing desktop monitors
- Televisions (Including CRT tubes, LCD, Plasma).
- Portable DVD players with LCD screens.

