



HP's Statement on E-Waste and Used Electronic Equipment

Always a stakeholder concern, e-waste has become a global issue as the volumes of used electronics requiring disposal grows among consumers.

When electronics are not disposed of correctly, it can contribute to air pollution, water contamination, and other negative effects on the environment and public health. HP believes that all manufacturers share responsibility for managing e-waste with governments, retailers, and customers.

Core to HP's approach to managing e-waste is keeping electronics out of the waste bin as long as possible. While electronic waste or e-waste refers to electronic devices, or materials used in their manufacturing, that have reached the end of their use but have not been disposed of in a responsible manner, used electronic equipment (UEE) refers to electronics that are used but not waste. This statement applies equally to HP's management of UEE and e-waste, while we refer to these collectively as e-waste, as is common among our stakeholders.

HP's approach to responsibly manage e-waste

We are an industry leader in electronic product (and print cartridge) take-back programs. HP Planet Partners product return & recycling program was established in 1991. Currently, HP collects products for resale and recycling in 76 countries and territories worldwide. The Planet Partners Program covers geographies that account for more than 98% of HP's FY19 revenues.

We provide convenient return options to suit local conditions and customer needs. Between 1987 and 2015 as part of Hewlett Packard Company, we have recovered (reuse and recycling) more than 1.8 million tons of computer hardware and HP supplies. Following separation in Nov 2016, HP set a product recycling goal to recycle 1.2 million metric tons of PC and printer hardware and HP printing supplies by 2025 that can help reduce our footprint and that of our customers as well.

For information on program performance, see our latest HP Sustainable Impact Report.

We also extend the product life of many HP products through refurbishment. As part of this extensive program, we use our own recycling facilities (like our state-of-the art recycling facility in Nashville, Tennessee) and specialized recycling partners.

HP publishes a recycling vendor list to promote transparency and progress in raising social and environmental standards in the electronics industry supply chain.

We work with more than 55 recycling companies to support our recycling program, and we are member of multiple recycling management organizations, including ANZRP, ERP SAS, SWICO and others. (full list in the Recycling vendor list).

Our specialist reuse and recycling vendors are required to follow HP recycling and reuse standards, utilized environmentally responsible processing techniques, and comply fully with relevant regulations. HP does not allow the export of electronic waste from developed to developing countries and engages with governments to help improve national and international legislation governing the movement of electronic waste, such as the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Waste and Their Disposal.

In selecting recycling vendors globally, HP favors vendors with third-party certification (R2, e-Stewards, or WEEELABEX), which have similar requirements to HP Recycling Standards. Recycling vendors operating in the USA and Canada where EPEAT® registers products must attain one of these third-party certifications, while in other areas, in which these certifications are not available, we use the HP Recycling standard.

We contract with Environmental Resources Management (ERM) to audit vendors for conformance with the following policies and vendor standards:

- HP Supplier Code of Conduct
- Reuse and Recycling Standards

Circular Economy

As part of our circular economy strategy, we design HP products to use resources efficiently and to last a long time. When our products eventually reach the end of their service, our robust repair, reuse, and recycling programs help to ensure that products and materials are repurposed, which keeps them at their highest value state for as long as possible. This circular flow avoids waste and can give materials and products renewed life. These efforts support our transformation toward a more materials-efficient circular model.

- Building on decades of expertise in closed-loop recycling, we have sourced ocean-bound plastics for use in our supplies and hardware. We have set a goal of 30% postconsumer recycled content plastic across HP's personal systems and print product portfolio by 2025.
- Our remanufacturing programs help to extend hardware lifespan, reducing environmental impacts from replacing products that still have useful life. We provide customers guidance about how to repair their own HP product. See Durability and Repairability in our HP Sustainable Impact Report.
- HP Device Recovery Service provide customers reverse logistics, data sanitization, and remarketing for used personal systems products.

- We also offer responsible processing for batteries and recycling for large format media/supplies, 3D printing supplies, and packaging.

Through the Ellen MacArthur Foundation Circular Economy 100, we collaborate to drive progress toward a more circular materials- and energy-efficient future. Since 2019, we have collaborated with the CEP (Circular Electronics Partnerships) to partner in the development of a shared vision and roadmap for a circular electronics value chain to stimulate coordination action. We are an active member of the RBA circularity taskforce.

Sources

[HP Sustainable Impact Report](#)

[HP Recover and Renew Services](#)

[HP Planet Partner Program](#)

[Export of Electronic Waste to Developing Countries Policy](#)

[Recycling resources](#)

- Recycling vendor list
- HP Hardware recycling standard
- HP Hardware reuse standard

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