

## **FACT SHEET**

# **FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING INITIATIVE**

### **What is the program?**

This collaborative initiative between Reworld™ and Goodwill Keystone Area is designed to provide free electronic waste recycling services across 22 counties in central and southeastern Pennsylvania. This program utilizes Goodwill's network of 42 stores and donation centers as designated collection points for consumer electronics, thereby making it easier and more accessible for residents to recycle their e-waste responsibly.

### **Why is the program needed?**

Many areas within the designated 22 counties in central and southeastern Pennsylvania are underserved by the existing provisions of the PA Covered Device Recycling Act 108. This has left significant gaps in e-waste recycling services, particularly in densely populated areas such as Montgomery, Bucks and Chester counties. Without comprehensive, free e-waste disposal services, residents face challenges in responsibly disposing of electronics, especially items like televisions that usually come with additional disposal fees.

### **What is the goal of the program?**

The primary goal is to collect half a million pounds of electronic waste within its first year of operation, aiming to significantly reduce the amount of e-waste ending up in landfills. By providing a no-cost and convenient recycling option, the program seeks to foster a more sustainable community, promote environmental consciousness and encourage residents to also donate gently used items such as clothing, books and household goods.

### **How can I participate?**

Residents of the 22 counties can bring their unwanted electronics to any of the 42 Goodwill Keystone Area stores and donation centers designated as collection points. For a complete list of these stores and more details on accepted and non-accepted items, see below.

### What electronics can residents bring?

The following are lists of electronics that will be accepted at the participating Goodwill Keystone Area locations.

- What will be accepted:
  - Computing and Peripheral Devices
    - Computers
    - Monitors
    - Peripheral Devices (keyboards, mice, printers, printer/scanner/copier all-in-one devices, networking equipment)
  - Entertainment Electronics
    - Video Players (VCR/DVD/Blu-ray players)
    - Gaming Systems
    - Audio Devices (stereos, radios, MP3 players)
  - Communication Devices
    - Telephones
    - Mobile Devices
  - Visual and Imaging Equipment
    - Cameras (cameras, video cameras)
    - Televisions
    - Cable or Set-Top Boxes
  - Small Appliances
    - Toasters
    - Vacuum Cleaners
  - Miscellaneous Electronics/Items
    - Cables
    - Electronic Wiring
    - Answering Machines

### What electronics should residents NOT bring?

The following is a list of electronics that will NOT be accepted at the participating Goodwill Keystone Area locations.

- What won't be accepted\*:
  - Loose Batteries
  - Bulbs
  - Smoke Detectors
  - Hazardous Household Waste
  - White Goods (refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, freezers, unit air conditioners, washing machines, clothes dryers and other similar domestic and commercial large appliances)

- Freon-Containing Devices
- Devices Containing Mercury
- \*For more information on where to recycle these electronics, please see [here](#).

**Can residents bring other items to be recycled?**

Yes! In addition to electronic waste, Goodwill Keystone Area encourages residents to bring other gently used items, such as clothes, books and household goods, to their locations. Click [here](#) for a list of items Goodwill Keystone Area can and cannot accept.

**Which Goodwill Keystone Area locations are participating in the program? ([Link](#))**

