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#### NCER News

- New Resources on Electronics Recycling Coordination Clearinghouse (ERCC) Website

The ERCC has deployed several new resources that are publicly available on its website at [www.ecycleclearinghouse.org](http://www.ecycleclearinghouse.org). The new resources will help aid in comparisons of the state and local electronics recycling laws, and include maps with breakdowns of the product scope, covered entities, and landfill bans. Within each map, users can see an overview of what is covered and click on the state for more detail. In addition, the ERCC is tracking collection results from each state law on the per capita basis and posting the latest results in the context of the covered products and other differences. For ERCC members, a more detailed part of the website with specialized comparisons and research, in addition to a customized registration tracking database, will soon be deployed. The ERCC is currently working with four subcommittees on projects such as performance measures, return share data collection (including sampling), market share data coordination, and online manufacturer/recycler registration. For more information on how to be involved in these projects, please contact Jason Linnell ([jlinnell@electronicsrecycling.org](mailto:jlinnell@electronicsrecycling.org)).

- Vermont Becomes State #21!

Yesterday Vermont Governor Jim Douglas signed S.77, making Vermont state #21 with an electronics recycling program. With Vermont, over 170 million US residents – 56% of the US Population - will be covered by some form of an electronics recycling law. Separately, a Senate Resolution correcting a provision omitted in the Senate version was passed as well (SR 22). The Vermont bill combines elements of the model in effect OR/RI/WA and the one in MN/WI/IL, with the first program year starting on July 1, 2011. Links to both bills are included in the Policy Updates section below.

- West Virginia Adopts Landfill Ban

In West Virginia, Governor Joe Manchin signed a bill that prohibits landfill disposal of televisions, monitors, and computers as of January 2011. This makes WV the 15<sup>th</sup> state to enact a statewide landfill ban or disposal prohibition that covers one or more electronic devices (see the detailed list on the ERCC website referenced above).

- New Team Addition and Latest Results from Oregon State Contractor Program

The NCER and its local partner Zero Waste Alliance continue to manage the statewide network of collectors and recyclers on behalf of over 170 manufacturers through a contract with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The program known as the State Contractor Program (SCP) under Oregon E-Cycles, [www.oregonecycles.org](http://www.oregonecycles.org), has just completed the first quarter of the second year of operation. The NCER is excited to announce the addition of Kim Holmes to the SCP Team as Program Manager. Kim brings a wealth of experience on electronics recycling and the Oregon recycling community from her prior position at Resource Recycling and recent consulting work with 4R Sustainability. The SCP continues to provide a comprehensive and cost-effective network of free recycling for covered electronics devices. By month, the SCP has collected the following amounts:

January - 764,404 lbs  
February - 635,189 lbs  
March - 697,617 lbs  
Q1 2010 SCP – 2,097,210 lbs

Of this total, 55% of the volume was TVs, 31% computer monitors, and 14% desktop/laptop computers. More information is available at [www.electronicrecycling.org/oregon](http://www.electronicrecycling.org/oregon)

- Ritchie County Invitation For Bid

The NCER in collaboration with the Ritchie County Solid Waste Authority are releasing this [Invitation for Bid](#) to obtain electronics recycling services for a two-day recycling event targeted to Ritchie County, WV residents. Please contact Heather Smith at [hsmith@electronicrecycling.org](mailto:hsmith@electronicrecycling.org) or 304-699-1007 if you have any questions.

### **Policy Updates**

- California, AB 2611, changes screen size limited of covered devices from 4" to 9", introduced 2/19, amended 4/8, passed committee 4/14  
[http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab\\_2601-2650/ab\\_2611\\_bill\\_20100408\\_amended\\_asm\\_v98.html](http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_2601-2650/ab_2611_bill_20100408_amended_asm_v98.html)
- California, SB 1052, requires state agencies to adopt e-recycling plans, amended and passed by committee 4/6  
[http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb\\_1051-1100/sb\\_1052\\_bill\\_20100407\\_amended\\_sen\\_v98.html](http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb_1051-1100/sb_1052_bill_20100407_amended_sen_v98.html)
- Illinois - SB 3721 and HB 5907, removes retailer reporting requirement for TV market share and reduces registration fee for certain recyclers, 5907 passed committee 4/14, placed on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading calendar ; 3721 in Rules Committee

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/96/HB/PDF/09600HB5907lv.pdf>  
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/96/SB/PDF/09600SB3721lv.pdf>

- Kentucky, SB 160, requires manufacturer programs, taken from committee 3/10, returned to Natural Resources Committee  
<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/10RS/SB160/bill.doc>
- Nebraska, LR 450, creates study committee for electronics recycling, introduced 3/25, referred to committee 4/7  
<http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/Current/PDF/Intro/LR450.pdf>
- New York, S 6047, producer responsibility, amended and passed by committee 4/7  
[http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default\\_fld=&bn=S06047&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y#jump\\_to\\_Text](http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default_fld=&bn=S06047&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y#jump_to_Text)
- Rhode Island, amends provisions of 2008 law including addition of collector registration, introduced 2/25, held for further study by committee 4/8  
<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText10/HouseText10/H7716.pdf>
- South Carolina, HB 4903, requires manufacturer recovery plans, including televisions, amended and passed committee 4/15  
[http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118\\_2009-2010/prever/4093\\_20100415.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/prever/4093_20100415.htm)

- Vermont, S. 77, producer responsibility modeled on OR/RI programs with market share obligations, delivered to Governor 4/13

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2010/bills/Passed/S-077.pdf>

SR 22 technical correction adopted by Senate 4/9:

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2010/resolun/SR0022.pdf>

- West Virginia SB 398, landfill ban for covered electronics as of 1/1/2011, signed by Governor 3/20/10

[http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill\\_Status/bills\\_text.cfm?billdoc=SB398%20SUB2%20enr.htm&yr=2010&sesstype=RS&i=398](http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Status/bills_text.cfm?billdoc=SB398%20SUB2%20enr.htm&yr=2010&sesstype=RS&i=398)

Click Here to view [Current Electronics Newsletter Link](#)

## Recycling Issue Overview

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Waste PCs could hit 2.4 billion by 2013

NetworkWorld.com

<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2010/031510-waste-pcs-could-hit-24.html?hpg1=bn>

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Retailers find reasons to be green

Pittsburgh Post Gazette

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10075/1042979-334.stm>

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E-waste or cheap source of computer literacy?

Daily Times

[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2010%5C03%5C17%5Cstory\\_17-3-2010\\_pg12\\_4](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2010%5C03%5C17%5Cstory_17-3-2010_pg12_4)

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Arty E-Waste Sneakers

GreenMuze

<http://www.greenmuze.com/art/artists/2430-arty-e-waste-sneakers-.html>

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Best Buy spent \$200000 lobbying in 4th quarter

BusinessWeek

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9EHTT801.htm>

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Options for landfill still on the table

Green Valley News

<http://www.gvnews.com/articles/2010/03/20/news/41gvccc%200321.txt>

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Emitac announces e-waste tie-up with Akhdar

ITP.net

<http://www.itp.net/579691-emitac-announces-e-waste-tie-up-with-akhdar>

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E-waste gets booted from trash pick up

Brockville Recorder and Times

<http://recorder.ca/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=2508090>

## Press Releases

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Cellitused.com Launches Website Redesign to Provide Optimized Electronics Recycling Experience

Earthtimes (press release)

<http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/cellitusedcom-launches-website-redesign-to-provide-optimized-electronics-recycling-experience,1208502.shtml>

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Governor Signs Landmark Bill Into Law: Creating No-Charge, Mercury-Containing Light Recycling Program

PR Newswire (press release)

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/governor-signs-landmark-bill-into-law-creating-no-charge-mercury-containing-light-recycling-program-88685057.html>

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Limestone residents can dump for free, recycle

istockAnalyst.com (press release)

<http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/3964659>

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Recycling for Charities Needs Your Help to Keep 75 Tons of E-Waste Out of Landfills

BigNews.biz (press release)

<http://www.bignews.biz/?id=853526&keys=royaloak-earthday-ewaste-recycling>

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Wireless Industry Veterans Launch eRecyclingCorps to Tackle the 65000 Tons of Mobile Phone E-Waste Created Each Year

PR Newswire (press release)

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/wireless-industry-veterans-launch-erecyclingcorps-to-tackle-the-65000-tons-of-mobile-phone-e-waste-created-each-year-88885002.html>

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MILLVILLE: Local groups schedule household hazardous waste recycling day

Vineland Daily Journal

<http://www.thedailyjournal.com/article/20100323/NEWS01/100322007>

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Garb Announces Sale of E-Waste (E-Scrap) Plant to SRI, Inc. in Ohio for \$13490000

MarketWatch (press release)

[http://www.marketwatch.com/story/garb-announces-sale-of-e-waste-e-scrap-plant-to-sri-inc-in-ohio-for-13490000-2010-03-23?reflink=MW\\_news\\_stmp](http://www.marketwatch.com/story/garb-announces-sale-of-e-waste-e-scrap-plant-to-sri-inc-in-ohio-for-13490000-2010-03-23?reflink=MW_news_stmp)

## Industry

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EPA to Monitor Electronics Recyclers

Earth911.com

<http://earth911.com/news/2010/03/16/epa-to-monitor-electronics-recyclers/>

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E-waste trade ban won't end environmental threat

Arizona State University

[http://asunews.asu.edu/20100316\\_ewasteban](http://asunews.asu.edu/20100316_ewasteban)

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EPA rewards Clifton recycling program  
NorthJersey.com

[http://www.northjersey.com/news/environment/88518992\\_EPA\\_rewards\\_Clifton\\_recycling\\_program.html](http://www.northjersey.com/news/environment/88518992_EPA_rewards_Clifton_recycling_program.html)

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Researchers Feel US E-Waste Trade Ban Wouldn't Be That Effective  
EarthTechling (blog)

<http://www.earthtechling.com/2010/03/researchers-feel-u-s-e-waste-trade-ban-wouldnt-be-that-effective/>

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eRecyclingCorps makes mobile phone e-waste a new business model  
Tainted Green

<http://taintedgreen.com/green-business/erecyclingcorps-makes-mobile-phone-e-waste-a-new-business-model/000591>

## Recycling Programs/Events

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Time to Establish an e-Reader Recycling Program  
True/Slant

<http://trueslant.com/nickobourn/2010/03/15/time-to-establish-an-e-reader-recycling-program/>

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Recycle event to benefit Historical Society  
Woburn Advocate

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/woburn/news/lifestyle/x99753112/Recycle-event-to-benefit-Historical-Society>

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Electronics Rate To Drop At Recycling Depot  
Times-Union Newspaper

<http://www.timesuniononline.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=224&ArticleID=46341>

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Report: Recycling increases at WKU  
Bowling Green Daily News

<http://bgdailynews.com/articles/2010/03/17/news/news4.txt>

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Storage Solutions Offers Free E-Waste Recycling  
Inside Self-Storage

<http://www.insideselfstorage.com/hotnews/storage-solutions-ewaste-dropoff.html>

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Now get paid to recycle your old mobile phone  
Emirates Business 24/7

<http://www.business24-7.ae/the-business-of-life/gadgets/now-get-paid-to-recycle-your-old-mobile-phone-2010-03-18-1.70089>

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Recycling helps Agoura Grad Nite  
Agoura Hills Acorn

[http://www.theacorn.com/news/2010-03-18/Front\\_Page/Recycling\\_helps\\_Agoura\\_Grad\\_Nite.html](http://www.theacorn.com/news/2010-03-18/Front_Page/Recycling_helps_Agoura_Grad_Nite.html)

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Waste management guide coming to homes  
Caledon Citizen

[http://www.caledoncitizen.com/news/2010-03-18/News/Waste\\_management\\_guide\\_coming\\_to\\_homes.html](http://www.caledoncitizen.com/news/2010-03-18/News/Waste_management_guide_coming_to_homes.html)

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Thousands join Wallingford's recycling drive  
Oxford Mail

[http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/yourtown/wallingford/5070342.Thousands\\_join\\_Wallingford\\_s\\_recycling\\_drive/](http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/yourtown/wallingford/5070342.Thousands_join_Wallingford_s_recycling_drive/)

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Gate fee now \$20 for Cleanup Day  
Prior Lake American

<http://www.plamerican.com/news/city-politics/gate-fee-now-20-cleanup-day-103>

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YMCA recycling program needs sponsors  
Roanoke Times

<http://www.roanoke.com/news/nrv/wb/240358>

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Free Electronics Recycling Set in Centralia April 28th  
WJBD Online

[http://www.wjbdradio.com/?f=news\\_single&id=20847](http://www.wjbdradio.com/?f=news_single&id=20847)

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Collecting electronic castoffs  
NorthJersey.com

[http://www.northjersey.com/news/bergen/88752352\\_Collecting\\_electronic\\_castoffs.html](http://www.northjersey.com/news/bergen/88752352_Collecting_electronic_castoffs.html)

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Volunteers turn out for Newnan's 'Great American Cleanup'  
Newnan Times-Herald

<http://www.times-herald.com/local/Volunteers-turn-out-for-Newnans-Great-American-Cleanup---1051533>

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Union Middle School eWaste Collection Day April 24  
San Francisco Chronicle

<http://events.sfgate.com/san-jose-ca/events/show/108225685-union-middle-school-ewaste-collection-day-april-24>

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County grants technology recycling firm \$32000 to foster jobs  
Citrus Daily

<http://www.citrusdaily.com/local-news/county-grants-recycling-firm-32000-foster-jobs/2010/03/23/35233.html>

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Free electronic waste recycling event for businesses and individuals planned For Earth Day  
AnnArbor.com

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Depot for e-waste to open  
Red River Valley Echo  
<http://www.altonaecho.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=2508155>

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Free Computer Recycling  
WTAJ  
<http://wearecentralpa.com/component/adsman/details/3680025/free-computer-recycling.html>

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County sets spring waste-collection dates, sites  
Reading Eagle  
<http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=208660>

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Epoch Times - Manhattan's Lower East Side Kicks Off First of Seven E-Recycling Events  
By By Jack Phillips/Epoch Times Staff  
<http://www.theepochtimes.com/n2/content/view/32276/>

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Taiwan Eyes Electronic Scrap Recycling Market in China  
Recycling Today  
<http://www.recyclingtoday.com/taiwan-china-electronic-scrap-idb.aspx>

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Rann's plan to cut SA waste  
Inside Waste Weekly  
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environCom opens UK's largest WEEE processing facility  
Click Green  
<http://www.clickgreen.org.uk/events/events/121126-environcom-opens-uk%E2%80%99s-largest-weee-processing-facility.html>

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Charities in need continue to wait for donations of computer equipment  
istockAnalyst.com (press release)  
<http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/3956968>

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Government to set up e-waste treatment facilities: Ramesh  
Little About (blog)  
<http://www.littleabout.com/news/82748,government-set-waste-treatment-facilities-ramesh.html>

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2010:Clean tech gets PE traction  
Financial Express  
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E-waste: Nigeria now a dumping site?  
Daily Sun

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Illinois legislation claims to help recycling but hurts small business  
Examiner.com

<http://www.examiner.com/x-32743-Tazewell-County-Conservative-Examiner~y2010m3d18-Illinois-legislation-claims-to-help-recycling-but-hurts-small-business>

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Vt. lawmakers pass e-waste recycling bill  
WCAX

<http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=12210108>

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This Holyoke Electronics-recycling Company Is Certainly Data-driven  
Business West

<http://www.businesswest.com/details.asp?id=2420>

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New U.K. study suggests software innovation to blame for escalating e-waste problem  
ZDNet (blog)

<http://blogs.zdnet.com/green/?p=10674>

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Ways to recycle your spring cleaning trash  
San Francisco Chronicle

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/03/16/DDFJ1BS6B2.DTL>

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Artist turns old PCBs into sculptures  
Geek.com

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