

Q: Who manages this electronics recycling program?

A: Atlantic Canada Electronics Stewardship (ACES), an industry-led not-for-profit association, is responsible for this electronics recycling program. ACES was established by Electronics Product Stewardship Canada (EPSC) and the Retail Council of Canada (RCC) to implement an Electronics Stewardship Program. ACES is committed to ensuring that electronic waste is recycled in an environmentally responsible manner.

Q: Isn't it important to reuse electronics before recycling?

A: Absolutely. The ACES Program is designed to manage unwanted electronic products that have no reuse potential. If your electronic items are not at the end of their useful life, you are encouraged to donate them to family members, friends or local charities.

Q: How are electronics recycled?

A: Recycling electronics involves processing the materials and recovering metals, glass and plastics that can be recycled into new products.

Q: Where will my electronics go?

A: The electronics will be transported to approved processing and recycling facilities. Recyclers are required to meet Electronics Product Stewardship Canada's (EPSC) Electronics Recycling Standard (www.epsc.ca/recycle). This standard outlines the requirements for environmentally sound recycling in accordance with appropriate health, safety and export provisions.

Q: Why is this program important?

A: The ACES Program ensures that electronics are managed and recycled in a safe and environmentally sound manner. This program prohibits the use of prison labour and the export of scrap electronics and hazardous materials to developing nations.

Q: How does ACES ensure that electronics are recycled responsibly?

A: ACES follows the Recycling Vendor Qualification Program (RVQP) established by Electronics Product Stewardship Canada (EPSC). This program requires that all recyclers who process end-of-life products for ACES conform to EPSC's strict Electronics Recycling Standard (ERS). The ERS provides assurance that the work can only be completed in jurisdictions which have environmental and health protection laws similar to those found in Canada.

Example: Hazardous material may not be exported to non-OECD or non-EU member countries, or processed with the use of prison labour.

To learn more visit: www.cestewardship.ca/consumers/responsible recycling

Q: If I return my unwanted computer, how do I know my personal information will not be seen or stolen?

A: Once an electronic item is dropped off at an ACES Drop-off Centre, it will be sent to an approved recycler for processing and material recovery. However, for your own personal security, you should take steps to make sure that private data is removed from your computer. ACES does not accept liability for data or any other digital content left on electronics dropped off for processing.

Q: Are electrical appliances included in the program?

A: No, ACES accepts and recycles regulated consumer electronic products only. Electrical appliances, such as microwaves and refrigerators, are not included in the program and will not be accepted at ACES Drop-off Centres. Call your local municipality to find the appropriate disposal method for these products.

Q: Can I return my cell phone?

A: No, cell phone recycling will be managed separately by the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA). For your nearest location visit www.recyclemycell.ca or phone 1-888-797-1740.

Q: What if I have a large volume of unwanted electronics?

A: All ACES Drop-off Centres accept large volumes (25 pieces or more) of unwanted electronic material FREE OF CHARGE. Please contact ACES at info@ACESTewardship.ca or 1-877-774-3260 to find an ACES Drop-off Centre near you and schedule a delivery.

Q: How are fees applied to products that are bundled as a package by the retailer or as a combination product?

A: For a combination product purchase, the higher EHF applies, e.g. 19" TV (\$11.50) with DVD player (\$3.50) built-in = \$11.50 EHF.

For a multi-unit product purchase, one EHF applies, e.g. boxed telephone system with multiple handset and base units = \$0.85 EHF.

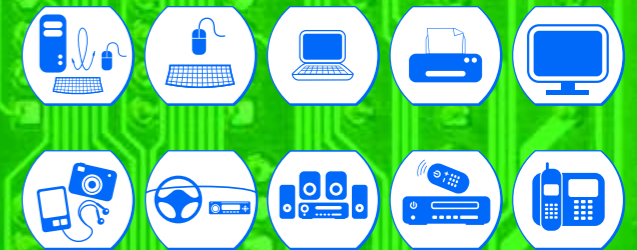


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Q: What is the Atlantic Canada Electronics Stewardship (ACES) Program?

A: The Atlantic Canada Electronics Stewardship (ACES) Program is a not-for-profit, industry-led electronics recycling program approved by the provincial government and available to all consumers and businesses within the province.

Q: How is the ACES Program funded?

A: The program utilizes an environmental handling fee (EHF), paid at the point of purchase, on regulated electronic products. These fees provide stable financing for the collection, transportation and responsible recycling of electronics. In addition, funds are used for overall program management and public education.

Q: Why do I have to pay a fee on the purchase of new electronics?

A: Under provincial legislation, regulated electronic products must be diverted from landfills at the end of their useful life. These fees ensure that unwanted electronics are recycled responsibly through the ACES Program.

Q: Do I have to pay to drop off my unwanted electronics?

A: No, unwanted electronic products can be dropped off FREE OF CHARGE at any ACES Drop-off Centre.

Q: Is the EHF a tax?

A: No, the fees you pay when purchasing regulated electronic products are used solely to fund the electronics recycling program and are not remitted to government.

ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE ACES PROGRAM:



DESKTOP COMPUTERS \$10.50 EHF

Includes Central Processing Units (CPUs), mice, keyboards, cables and other components within the computer. This includes desktop computers, desktop computers acting as servers, and all bundled mice, keyboards, cables and internal components.



COMPUTER PERIPHERALS \$0.90 EHF

Includes both wired and wireless manual input devices such as keyboards and/or pointing devices such as mice and trackballs.



PORTABLE COMPUTERS \$2.10 EHF

Includes portable computers such as notebook, laptop, netbook and tablet personal computers.



DESKTOP PRINTERS \$6.50 EHF

This includes printing devices that are designed to reside on a work surface, and includes various printing technologies, including laser & LED (electrophotographic), ink jet, dot matrix, thermal, dye sublimation and "multi-function" devices that may copy, scan, fax, or print. Standalone desktop scanners and fax machines are also included in this category.



DISPLAY DEVICES \$11.50 - \$40 EHF

Any display device for displaying images from computers and/or televisions, including professional displays. This includes various display technologies, such as traditional Cathode Ray Tube (CRT), flat panel (LCD and plasma) or rear projection.

29" and smaller \$11.50 EHF
30" and larger \$40.00 EHF



PERSONAL OR PORTABLE AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS \$0.40 EHF

Includes portable devices primarily for personal use including docking speakers; portable stereos/tape players/radios; personal CD players, portable audio recorders/portable tape/radio players; headphones; MP3 players; solid state voice recorders; digital cameras and video cameras/camcorders.



VEHICLE AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS (AFTERMARKET) \$2.75 EHF

Includes amplifiers, equalizers, speakers and in-dash audio/video components.



HOME THEATRE IN A BOX (HTB) SYSTEMS \$6 EHF

Includes pre-packaged disc player/speaker/amplifier systems for use with any type of video or television display to create a home theatre experience.



HOME AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS \$3.50 EHF

Includes VCRs and DVD players; mini/mid/full size package systems; single/multi CD players; clock radios; digital cable equipment; satellite cable equipment; speakers (home speakers; home theatre speakers and multi-media speakers), amplifiers, receivers, data projectors and similar audio/video systems.



NON-CELLULAR TELEPHONES \$0.85 EHF

Includes wired and cordless telephones, and telephone answering machines.

Q: How are the environmental handling fees (EHFs) used?

A: The EHF for each category of products is designed to accurately reflect the true costs of managing these obligated products within the ACES program.

The fee you pay on a new product at the time of purchase covers collection, transportation, administration and responsible recycling costs directly attributed to that product at the end of its useful life.

Q: How were the EHFs for products determined?

A: ACES partnered with similar electronics recycling programs in Saskatchewan (SWEEP) and British Columbia (ESABC) to hire an independent third party to perform an analysis of Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs) for regulated end-of-life electronics. As a result of the third party analysis, EHFs were recommended for each program. For more information on how the fees are determined, please visit www.eStewardship.ca.



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