

Don't Scrap Your ROI:



How to **maximize value, reduce costs,**
and **minimize risks** when recycling
excess and end-of-life electronics

Given the **valuable assets**, **sensitive data**, and **hazardous substances** found inside your excess computers and other electronics, **how you recycle and dispose of these devices is critical.**



Here are **4** + ways to help you get started...

1 Understand Your Needs



Before setting up any consultation, have a good understanding of what your basic needs are. Reputable e-waste recyclers will ask detailed questions about your recycling requirements and types of e-waste in your facilities. Be prepared to answer those questions and then estimate how much you produce weekly, monthly, or quarterly. Some essential questions to help you prepare include:

- + What kinds of e-waste do you commonly produce? Is it laptops, televisions, electronic accessories, batteries, power cords, etc.?
- + What is your current process for disposing of end-of-life electronics?
- + Are you disposing of any data-bearing devices, i.e., items with a hard drive?
- + What kind of record-keeping and documentation do you need?
- + Do you have special logistics requirements?

These details are essential since most recyclers will charge for certain items, while other items may have a residual value to help offset some of the costs associated with recycling electronics.

2 Certifications are Crucial



Businesses in New York State have a legal responsibility to manage their end-of-life electronics and sensitive data appropriately. Take no shortcuts. Your recycler should be experienced, professional, environmentally responsible, and transparent. The easiest way to know if you're working with a reliable recycler is to determine if they hold third-party certifications and the appropriate government licenses and registrations.

R2/RIOS™ includes a set of guidelines for use in accredited certification programs to assess electronics recyclers' environmental, worker health and safety, and security practices. In addition, the R2 certification requires companies to follow specific procedures for recycling, refurbishing, disassembling, or reclaiming used or end-of-life electronics equipment.

Other credentials your recycler should possess, and you should inquire about, include:

- + NYS DEC Registration number
- + US EPA registration number
- + NYS Document Destruction Contractor's Registration number

3 Ask About Data Security



Secure and effective management of confidential data on computers and other electronics is a top concern for any organization. You want to find an e-waste recycler who follows a rigorous data destruction process, including secure collection and handling, a documented chain-of-custody, asset inventory, and serial number tracking to ensure your confidential information is never exposed and that your organization is protected from risk. Your electronics recycling vendor should be **NAID AAA certified**, and don't be fooled by recyclers who say they are a NAID "member" – they are NOT certified. The **NAID AAA** certification verifies secure data destruction compliance with all known data protection laws through audits performed by 3rd party accredited security professionals.



4 Look for the Whole Package



It's key to work with a partner who can help your business dispose of electronics in a manner that's secure, safe, environmentally responsible, in compliance with government laws and regulations, and who do their due diligence to recapture any value found in the used electronics to offset waste disposal costs. Find experts who follow a simple, proven process in order to get the job done quickly and economically. In essence, it is their job to minimize risk to your business when disposing of surplus electronics and destroying important data. Look for certifications as mentioned above and a customer support team that's easy to reach and willing to provide a customized plan just for you.



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EWASTE+ is a custom electronics recycler serving over 10,000 customers across the country.

Our service, responsiveness, and compliance expertise have made us the partner of choice for a wide range of businesses, government, medical, and educational organizations.



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