



# E-Waste



*E-Waste includes all electronic appliances that are no longer functional or are obsolete. Items can include TVs, computers, photocopiers, printers, CDs and DVDs. All electronic equipment contains toxic chemicals and metals that could harm the environment if placed in landfill.*



## Why we should recycle:

- 70% of the toxic chemicals found in landfill come from e-waste.
- E-waste is being sent to landfills three times faster than general waste.
- Producing a desktop computer and monitor uses the same amount of chemicals, water and fossil fuels as the production of a mid-sized car.



## How recycling helps

- Recycling these items can recover up to 95% of their material for reuse.
- Recycled plastics can be used to make outdoor furniture and car dashboards.
- Recycling your e-waste will reduce demand for these resources and relieve pressure on habitats.



## What you can do

- When buying new equipment, choose durable products that are recyclable and repairable with a good warranty to prolong usage.
- Don't discard old TV's, computers, photocopiers, printers, CDs or DVDs in the general waste.
- To recycle obsolete electronic equipment at UQ, log a *waste* request in Archibus at **[www.pf.uq.edu.au/waste](http://www.pf.uq.edu.au/waste)** to request collection.
- Please ensure all data is erased from the equipment, and toner cartridges are removed from printers prior to collection.

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