

# Learn How Little Actions Can Make a Big Difference When It Comes To E-Waste

tips on sustaining year-round, Earth-friendly e-waste habits

GREENspot DROPoff is not only committed to providing free and convenient e-waste recycling to local communities, but also to educating the public about the harm of e-waste. Below is a list of simple and easy things that everyday people can do any day of the year....

- 1. Learn about e-waste!** e-waste is anything that you plug in that you want to throw out. This includes computers, televisions, computer keyboards and mice, radios, refrigerators, mobile phones, batteries, VCR / BETA / Fax Machines and some medical equipment. These items contain valuable and hazardous materials including copper, mercury and lead.
- 2. Understand the harmful nature of e-waste – both to the environment and to third world countries.** E-waste accounts for about 2% of the landfill volume, but over 70% of the toxic waste in this country; one cell phone, tossed into a landfill, can pollute up to 40,000 gallons of groundwater! The data is astounding.... recycling takes these toxins out of our landfills and reuses them for new electronic items. Proper recycling is imperative to ensuring the safety of our environment and the people involved. E-waste is sometimes sent over to third world countries including India and China for manual disassembly and recycling. In these cases, people are exposed to the harmful materials that we are trying to contain.
- 3. Recycle your e-waste properly.** Not all e-waste is the same, and not all e-waste can be recycled in the same place. Look around your community and find the right places to recycle your e-waste. Examples include:
  - a. Batteries** – Collection containers at Whole Food – [www.wholefoods.com](http://www.wholefoods.com)
  - b. Computers / Televisions**- GREENspot DROPoff locations - [www.greenspotdropoff.org](http://www.greenspotdropoff.org)
  - c. Cell Phones** – Coastal Recycling Centers – [www.coastalrecyclingcenters.com](http://www.coastalrecyclingcenters.com) or Verizon
  - d. Appliances**- Southern California Edison via ARCA and JACO

**About GREENspot DROPoff, Inc.:** GREENspot DROPoff dedicated to providing free and convenient e-waste recycling to everyone in the US. Currently, we are a network of e-waste collection DROPoff sites throughout the State of California with plans to expand into other States in the second half of 2010. In addition to educating the public about the harms of e-waste, collecting e-waste for free, and advocating for free e-waste recycling for all, we are also dedicated to developing local communities via our GREEN<sup>2</sup> GIVEback program. To find your GREENspot visit us at [www.greenspotdropoff.org](http://www.greenspotdropoff.org).