

Green Computing



Frequently Asked Questions



Donation Details

Why should organizations donate computers to OneCommunity instead of directly to the schools?

We work closely with the administrations and technical leadership of most school systems in Northeast Ohio to ensure that your donation meets the minimum technical specifications and fits within the larger technical deployment plan for the district. Ad hoc donations often end-up in a warehouse, becoming a disposal liability.

Is my donation tax deductible?

All monetary donations to the program are tax deductible. Most equipment donations are also tax deductible. The tax laws pertaining to this are Section 170 of the Federal Income Tax Code, the New Millennium Classrooms Act, and the 21st Century Classrooms Act.

What if my donation needs to be directly to the school district for tax or charter reasons?

No problem. OneCommunity can manage the logistics of your donation through the pick-up, refurbishment, and delivery processes while maintaining a chain-of-custody that documents your direct donation to the school(s).

Can I designate which school(s) my computers are donated to?

You may indicate the school(s), but if your donation does not match school specifications or need we will allocate your donation to a school that can better use your equipment.

What happens to the data on my computers?

We perform two DoD-certified wipes that destroy all data on the hard drive. If the hard drive is damaged or unusable it is destroyed.

Will every donation be used in schools?

Unfortunately, some devices will not be able to be repurposed for use in schools for a variety of reasons. In the event that a computer is not able to be refurbished, we will responsibly recycle or dispose of the equipment.

Does OneCommunity pick up donations?

Yes, we can pick up equipment from anywhere within our 22-county footprint. We also have the ability to receive pre-arranged drop-offs. Call 1.216.923.2200 for more details.



E-Waste

What is e-waste?

E-Waste is unwanted electronic equipment including TVs, PCs, laptops, printers, cell phones, cables, fax machines, copiers and peripherals: all acceptable donations to Green Computing.

Why is e-waste a problem?

The majority of e-Waste in the U.S. ends up in landfills, currently accounting for only 2% of total waste by volume, but 70% of all hazardous waste. Hazardous metals and compounds (e.g. lead, mercury, cadmium, arsenic, antimony, selenium, chromium, PBDEs) can contaminate soil and groundwater.

Will I get confirmation that my equipment has been responsibly recycled?

Yes, you will receive a certificate of destruction if your donations are recycled. The Green Computing program comes with a "No Landfill Guarantee."

Which is better for the environment: reuse, recycling, or the purchase of new equipment?

Reuse is the best option for unwanted e-Waste, as electronic equipment is unique in that 90% of all energy utilization and greenhouse gas emissions occur during the manufacture of the product, rather than in use.

Recycling is the next best option, keeping toxic substances out of landfills and groundwater, while reducing the energy and greenhouse gas emissions associated with the acquisition of raw materials for new product manufacture by as much as 40%, and preserving the finite supply of raw materials.

If the equipment must be replaced, purchasing new EnergyStar certified equipment from a responsible manufacturer is the best option for your business.

What is Responsible Recycling?

Responsible recycling includes de-manufacture, a process by which equipment is separated into its individual materials (e.g. plastic, circuit boards, metals, glass, etc.), and introduced directly into the recycling stream for those individual commodities to be used in the manufacturing of new products.



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