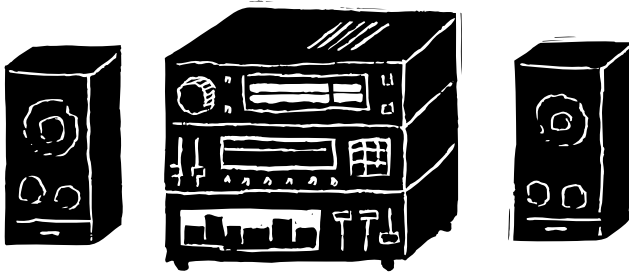


Waste Prevention Tips Regarding Electronic Equipment

- Think carefully about whether or not you really need to buy the latest piece of electronic equipment. Does your current piece of electronic equipment meet your needs? If so, consider keeping your existing equipment.

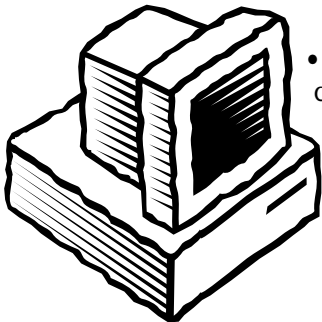


- If you decide that you need and want the most up-to-date electronic products, but you do not want to deal with the end-of-life issue, consider leasing instead of purchasing new equipment.



- Consider buying equipment from a manufacturer that has a take-back program whereby you may return old equipment for a credit towards the purchase of a new piece of equipment or an upgrade.

- Consider having your electronic item repaired rather than buying a new one. **Never throw your electronic equipment in the trash.**



- If you buy a new computer system, consider donating your old computer equipment to a school or nonprofit organization.

- If you have an electronic item that runs on batteries, use rechargeable rather than disposable batteries.



- Consider purchasing refurbished or remanufactured electronic equipment.

- Select products that have reduced toxics content (i.e. reduced lead, mercury, and other heavy metals), greater recycled content, higher energy efficiency, longer life expectancy, can be easily upgraded, and that have features and content that can more easily be recycled.

