

## **Recycling Changes at WinCycle**

WinCycle has gone through a lot of changes in the past year which has left some confusion about recycling with us. One of the biggest motivators behind our work to refocus our mission has been the changes in the electronics recycling market and the expansion of programs like Vermont E-Cycles. Neither of which are bad things, quite the opposite in fact, but it does mean that WinCycle can no longer sustain itself as a non-profit electronics recycling entity.

Rather than close up shop and declare our mission accomplished we have decided to focus our efforts into something that would continue to serve the community and that we also happen to do very well: provide people with a source of affordable refurbished computers of all kinds. Computers have become such an integral part of our society it has become detrimental to not have a computer or know the basics of how to use one. Helping to end this problem is now our main focus as a non-profit now that both the knowledge about and availability of electronics recycling has grown so much since WinCycle was founded in 2002.

Does this mean that we no longer want your old computer and computer accessories? No! All it means is that we can no longer broadly accept these items and instead will focus on what we can refurbish and get back out in to the world to provide an affordable option for students, seniors and other disadvantaged individuals to meet their computing needs.

### **So what are we looking for?**

1. Intact, working computers (laptops and desktops) with:
  - Intel iCore Processors (i3, i5 and i7) and equivalent AMD processors
  - Intel Core 2 Quad Processors and equivalent AMD processors
  - Pentium Dual core processors ( not Pentium D)
  - Valid Windows 7 or newer Certificates of Authenticity
2. Any and all Apple products excluding eMac computers
3. Consumer network gear (wired and wireless routers, etc...)
4. Functional desktop laser printers
5. Functional LCD/LED flatscreen monitors
6. Mice, keyboards, speaker4s and other computer accessories
7. Any tablets, e-readers or similar devices

### **Things that we are no longer capable of taking:**

1. CRT monitors (the big old heavy glass tube ones) with a case by case exception for working vintage (80's or earlier) computer monitors.

2. Inkjet printers including all in one printer/scanner/fax devices
3. Computers that are extremely filthy or damaged
4. Anything not on our “What are we looking for?” list.

### **What can I do with things that you no longer take?**

1. Vermont residents can take advantage of the Vermont E-cycles program, the closest participators are the Hartford and Springfield transfer stations.
2. New Hampshire residents should check with their local transfer station for electronics recycling.
3. You can also save your items and bring them to one of our collection events (pricing will vary depending on event) where we will be taking all electronic recycling!