

AmazonBasics e-waste Program

Recycle your old AmazonBasics products and help protect environment.

Consequences of Improper E-Waste Handling & Recycling

E-waste when disposed or recycled improperly, can cause severe environmental pollution and adversely affect the human body as they contain excess of toxic chemicals like mercury, polybrominated flame retardants, barium, lithium and PVC. The common process of burning of e-waste in informal e-waste recycling and disposal facilities releases toxic gases into the atmosphere, causing severe air pollution. Besides that, poor recycling and improper disposal of e-waste leads to a lot of pollutants such as heavy metals like cadmium, lead and persistent organic pollutants to be released into the atmosphere, which further pollutes the eco-system and causes health hazards.

Alternately the practice of dumping of e-waste into landfills as followed by the informal e-waste recycling and disposal facilities eventually makes the hazardous and toxic components of e-waste seep into the eco-system including the regional water tables, causing soil pollution and contaminating the water table. Such contamination will affect nearby communities in an adverse manner for much longer time.

Accidental breakage and damage of electronics and e-waste can pose a threat to the environment. As long as the toxic components in electronics are enclosed within the original manufacturer's designed outer-shell of the gadget, they don't pose much of a danger as they have been engineered to contain any such effects. However, accidental breakage or damage of such electronics or e-waste can lead toxic elements leaking and contaminating their immediate environment. Damage to the environment due to accidental breakage of e-waste is a major concern in informal e-waste disposal and recycling facilities, so consumers need to ensure that they dispose their e-waste only at authorized recycling centres.

Instructions of handling the product during and after its use and Do's and Don'ts with respect to handling the product

Do's:

- a) Always look for information in the product's user's guide for end-of-life equipment handling.
- b) Ensure that only authorized recyclers handle your electronic products
- c) Always call local authorized e-waste collection centers to dispose products that have reached end-of life.
- d) When your used electronic products, batteries or accessories reach the end of their life, always dispose of them at your nearest authorized e-waste collection center.
- e) Wherever possible or as instructed, separate the packaging material according to responsible waste disposal options and sorting for recycling.
- f) Always ensure any glass surface is protected against breakage.
- g) Kindly ensure that the product is properly packaged before it is handed over to the authorized Recycler.

Don'ts:

- a) Do not dismantle your electronic products on your own.
- b) Do not throw electronics in bins having "Do not Dispose" sign on the product package.



- c) Do not give e-waste to informal and unorganized sectors like local scrap dealers.
- d) Do not dispose of your product in garbage bins along with municipal waste that ultimately reaches landfills.

Be a Responsible User. Recycle your E-Waste for a Greener Planet.

Information about hazardous constituents of the product, viz., concentration value of substances such as lead, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyls ethers and cadmium

This product does not exceed the maximum limits of hazardous constituents enumerated under the E-Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2011.