

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.17309 Computer takeback program.**

Sec. 17309.

(1) Beginning April 1, 2010, each manufacturer of covered computers shall implement a computer takeback program that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The manufacturer of a covered computer that has reached the end of its useful life for the consumer or the manufacturer's designee accepts from the consumer the covered computer. This part shall not be construed to impair the obligation of a contract under which a person agrees to conduct a computer takeback program on behalf of a manufacturer.

(b) A consumer is not required to pay a separate fee when the consumer returns the covered computer to the manufacturer of that covered computer or the manufacturer's designee.

(c) The collection of covered computers is reasonably convenient and available to and otherwise designed to meet the needs of consumers in this state. Examples of collection methods that alone or combined meet the convenience requirements of this subdivision include systems for a consumer to return a covered computer by 1 or more of the following means:

(i) Mail or common carrier shipper.

(ii) Deposit at a local physical collection site that is kept open and staffed on a continuing basis.

(iii) Deposit during periodic local collection events.

(iv) Deposit with a retailer.

(d) The manufacturer of a covered computer provides a consumer information on how and where to return the covered computer, including, but not limited to, collection, recycling, and reuse information on the manufacturer's publicly available website. The manufacturer may also include collection, recycling, and reuse information in the packaging for or in other materials that accompany the manufacturer's covered computers when the covered computers are sold or provide that information via a toll-free telephone number.

(e) The manufacturer recycles or arranges for the recycling of any covered computers collected under subdivision (a).

(2) A manufacturer's computer takeback program is not required to accept more than 7 covered computers from a single consumer on a single day.

(3) A manufacturer may conduct a computer takeback program alone or in conjunction with other manufacturers. A manufacturer may arrange for the collection and recycling of covered computers by another person to fulfill the manufacturer's obligations under this section.

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