

### **New Law Bans Disposal of Electronic Devices in Toters**

Pennsylvania residents will no longer be able to dispose of cell phones, televisions, tablets, computers, monitors and other electronic waste in their trash, per a State law that takes effect on January 24, 2013.

The Covered Device Recycling Act aims to prevent the hazardous materials contained in electronic devices from being disposed in landfills. Many electronics contain heavy metals – including lead, cadmium and mercury – and various rare earth elements. Because a refuse vehicle found to contain these electronics will not be allowed to dump its load at a landfill, West Bradford Township will not collect any toter that includes these devices.

Instead, the law requires residents to recycle electronic wastes by one of the following methods:

1. Several area businesses collect electronic waste, including the Goodwill store in Thorndale and the Best Buy store in Downingtown. A complete list of participating businesses can be found at [westbradford.org/e-wastelocations.pdf](http://westbradford.org/e-wastelocations.pdf).
2. The Chester County Solid Waste Authority sponsors several collection events throughout the year. For a list of events contact the CCSWA at (610) 273-3771 or visit [chestercountyswa.org](http://chestercountyswa.org).
3. Electronic devices may be dropped-off at the Township Building during business hours only. The Township cannot accept the “old fashioned” (cathode ray tube) television sets.

When arranging for the delivery a flat-screen television, residents are encouraged to inquire about the removal and disposal of their old television.

More information about the Covered Device Recycling Act is available at the Department of Environmental Protection website at [dep.state.pa.us](http://dep.state.pa.us).