



## 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 took 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.

The law requires residents to recycle electronic wastes by one of the following methods (more details can be found on the *Hazardous Waste* page of the *Services/Public Works* section of [westbradford.org](http://westbradford.org)):

1. Area businesses that collect electronic waste include the Best Buy store in Downingtown (610-873-2312) and the Lanchester Landfill (610-273-3771).
2. The Chester County Solid Waste Authority sponsors several collection events throughout the year. A list of events is available on the *Hazardous Waste* page of the *Services/Public Works* section of [westbradford.org](http://westbradford.org). This information is also available from the CCSWA at (610) 273-3771 or [chestercountyswa.org](http://chestercountyswa.org).
3. Electronic devices may be dropped-off at the Township Building during business hours only. Please do not drop off items outside the building. If you have large items (ie.,TV's), please telephone 610-269-4174 or stop by the Township Building first to make arrangements for the Public Works Garage to accept these items. The Township cannot accept the "old fashioned" (cathode ray tube) television sets at this time. 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).