



WMMFA Collection Events Policy and Guidelines

WMMFA – the Washington Materials Management & Financing Authority

Ecology – the Washington State Department of Ecology

CEPs – Covered electronic products (TVs, desktop computers, laptop computers and monitors)

The WMMFA recognizes that local governments and non-profit organizations will conduct collection events for recyclable materials. The WMMFA requests that all organizations conducting collection events promote the E-Cycle Washington program on their event materials and web sites. Please inform residents of the free, convenient, E-Cycle Washington drop off locations for CEPs and ask them to support the businesses providing year-round daily collection services. A list of drop off sites is available at www.ecyclewashington.org

At its discretion, based on feedback from covered entities, local, city, and county governments, and the Department of Ecology, the WMMFA may arrange alternate collection services such as stand alone or joint events or joint operations with commercial centers until such time that a staffed collection site may be established.

CEP collection events sponsored by the WMMFA will be fully financed by the WMMFA for all collection, transportation and processing costs.

For CEP collection events sponsored by municipal or private organizations and conducted under the requirements of the E-Cycle Washington program, the WMMFA will only finance processing costs. Collection and transportation costs are the responsibility of the municipal or private organization sponsor.

If municipal or private organizations do sponsor collection events where they plan to accept CEPs, CEPs must be accepted free of express or hidden charges to be eligible for the E-Cycle Washington program. Under this condition the WMMFA will pay for the processing of the CEPs at a processor registered with the E-Cycle Washington program.

If municipal or private organizations sponsor collection events where an express or hidden charge is assessed for CEPs, those CEPs are ineligible for the E-Cycle Washington program. All costs, including processing costs, are the responsibility of the event sponsor.

Collection event operators will need to be registered with Ecology as collectors and transporters and be able to tender collected CEP's to the processor chosen by the WMMFA. Collector and transporter requirements are the same as for fixed site collectors in terms of CEP device security, protection from weather, shrink wrapping, palletization, and bulk delivery to processors (collector information available at www.wmmfa.net). Other items may be collected at these events at a charge but CEP's must be kept separate and accounted for separately, palletized and shrunk wrapped, accepted for free, and delivered to the processor.

The WMMFA suggests that public or private event operators conducting CEP and other device collection events direct the donating entities dropping off CEP's at the event to instead take those devices to one of the staffed collection sites where they will be accepted for free. In response to RCW 70.95N.090 the WMMFA has chosen the use of staffed collection sites as its primary collection network. This model uses primarily existing infrastructure and supports independent service providers, non-profits, and other local entities as participants in the recycling effort. The WMMFA believes this model to be the most efficient and provides the best long term convenience and availability for CEP collections for both urban and rural communities.