

Singapore initiatives

According to the National Environment Agency, about 11kg of electrical and electronic waste (e-waste) is disposed of in Singapore per person each year, amounting to more than 60,000 tonnes.

E-WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAMMES

These are some of the programmes currently available.

Programme	Location	Type of items collected
Renew programme by StarHub	Almost 500 bins islandwide, at shopping malls, community centres, schools and retailers such as Best Denki, Courts, Gain City and Harvey Norman	Electronic products measuring typically less than 47cm x 12cm, that can fit through the deposit slot. For example, mobile phones, laptops, mobile phone or computer accessories, telephones and cables
ReCycle by Singtel and SingPost	Selected Singtel Shop and Singtel exclusive retailer outlets and post offices You can also mail your mobile device and accessories with postage waived. ReCycle envelopes are available at Singtel outlets and post offices	
Project Homecoming led by Canon and Epson	Various public libraries	All ink and toner cartridges, regardless of brand
Ikea's light bulb recycling programme	Ikea stores	Light bulbs and fluorescent tubes

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR) SCHEME IN 2021

By 2021, producers of covered electrical and electronic equipment will be required to take on responsibility for the collection and proper treatment of e-waste.

Key stakeholder	Main responsibilities
Retailers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide free collection on a 1:1 basis whenever goods are delivered• Large retailers must set up in-store collection point for small electronic goods
Producers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will bear cost of collection and recycling• Will engage and fund licensed Producer Responsibility Organisations (PROs)• Will report amount of electrical and electronic equipment put to market to NEA• Must fulfil collection targets
PROs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To develop and implement systems for the collection and recycling of e-waste• Will collect and transport e-waste to NEA-licensed recyclers
E-waste recyclers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must meet recycling standards• Keep proper records of entire e-waste treatment process• Submit reports of amount of e-waste received and materials processed/recycled to NEA