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Computer Recycling

As businesses use more and newer technology, electronic products quickly become obsolete and are replaced: The average initial lifetime of a personal computer is five years. An estimated 24 million computers reached the end of their first life in 1999; only 14% of those were recycled or reused. What happened to the rest? Old computers fill warehouses and landfills and can leak toxic wastes into the environment if not properly handled. The impact of this growing waste stream can decrease if reusable and valuable components are properly recycled and recovered.

Action Plan

- Follow the hierarchy of reuse, repair, recycle.
- Try to lease computers from a company that will take back the equipment and dispose of it properly. Many of these programs will help dispose of computers that come from other manufacturers as well.
- Reuse computers or component parts within your company. Upgrade systems to prolong life by installing more memory or other components.
- Sell older working computers in-house.
- Donate working computers to schools and nonprofits, or sell them to a third-party reseller.
- Sell working and non-working computers to a recycler.
- Purchase electronic products with increased recyclability, such as labels on the plastic parts, or equipment that is designed for easy disassembly.



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“Make A Difference Day 2002” Saturday, November 2nd



Make a Difference Day is a most significant national day of helping others – a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Keep Stamford Beautiful, in partnership with neighborhood associations in the South End, Springdale, Glenbrook, Shippan Point, and Waterside, organized neighborhood cleanups and daffodil plantings in these communities.



FACTOID #1

It takes 75,000 trees to print a Sunday edition of The New York Times.



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