

Spring 2010 Newsletter - Transporters of e-waste

TOPIC: Accepting universal waste electronic devices (e-waste) from universal waste transporters (transporters).

This newsletter also makes the distinction between transporting, handling and/or treating e-waste, and participation in California's covered electronic waste (CEW) recovery and recycling program (payment program).

Who are universal waste transporters, according to DTSC regulations?

Anyone who transports universal waste to an e-waste handler or recycler is considered a universal waste transporter. This includes:

1. Households and Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Universal Waste Generators (CESQUWGs) transporting their e-waste to a collection facility or event.
2. A person who transports e-waste from an e-waste facility or event to another handler or to a recycler.
3. A person who directly transports e-waste from households, CESQUWGs, e-waste handlers or recyclers to an e-waste handler or recycler.

Can e-waste handlers and recyclers, including Approved Collectors and Approved Recyclers, accept e-waste from a transporter?

Yes, as long as the transporter meets all of the applicable requirements (Cal Code Regs., tit. 22, ch. 23, art. 5). Transporters have fewer requirements to follow than handlers and recyclers, which include the following:

1. Cannot treat or dismantle e-waste.
2. Must properly package e-waste to prevent breakage/release when transporting more than 5 CRTs or 220lb of electronic devices (including CRT devices).
3. Must be able to respond to releases (i.e., contain breakage) when necessary.
4. May only transport e-waste to an e-waste handler or recycler, or destination facility.
5. Cannot store e-waste for longer than 6 days in residentially zoned areas or 10 days in industrially zoned areas.

What do Approved Collectors/Recyclers need from transporters in order to get paid for CEWs:

To ensure payment from CalRecycle (formerly known as California Integrated Waste Management Board), Approved Collectors/Recyclers need to obtain proper source documentation from the transporter for all CEWs collected by the transporter. In addition, Approved Collectors/Recyclers should record the name and address of the transporter.

Transporters **do not need**:

1. A DTSC facility ID number (do not need to notify DTSC).
2. A CEWID number (do not need to apply to CalRecycle).
3. An EPA ID number or California ID number.
4. To submit annual reports to DTSC or Net Cost Reports to CalRecycle.
5. To operate or own a facility that can accept, store and accumulate e-waste.

Approved Collectors/Recyclers are not required to pay any specific amount per pound for CEWs received from transporters. The amount can be negotiated between the handler who initiated the shipment, the transporter, and the Approved Collector/Recycler.

Can a transporter apply to be an Approved Collector in the CEW recovery and recycling program to get paid the established rate for CEWs?

CalRecycle will accept applications from transporters to participate in the CEW recovery and recycling program and issue a CEWID number only if the transporter maintains a physical location able to accept and store CEWs. Transporters wanting to become Approved Collectors also become DTSC e-waste handlers and are subject to DTSC and CalRecycle regulations. These include notification, annual reporting, and various waste management requirements, and the facility is also subject to inspection. Please review these web pages for details:

DTSC: [Electronic Waste](#)

Cal Recycle: [Electronic Waste Recycling Act](#)

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