

EXPORTING E-WASTE

Do you plan on sending e-waste directly from your facility to a facility located in another country? If so, you will have to provide a completed export notification to DTSC at least 60 days prior to shipping your e-waste to that facility. Additionally, you will have to notify the US EPA if you are exporting CRT devices, CRTs or unprocessed CRT glass. Supplemental documents are also needed, depending on the materials to be exported.

Using a broker to arrange the exportation does not relieve you of these obligations.

Conversely, if you send e-waste to another California e-waste handler/recycler who decides to export that waste out of the country, that handler/recycler and not you is responsible for completing the export notification requirements.

Please contact us as electronicwaste@dtsc.ca.gov if you have questions about exporting requirements.

PREVENT A FIRE AT YOUR E-WASTE FACILITY

DTSC is aware of fires that have occurred at some California e-waste facilities over the past year. The size and level of authorization of these facilities differed dramatically, but they all had one thing in common: some fires may have been prevented with better management practices; specifically of electronic devices and other universal wastes (UW) accumulated outside.

Some discarded products that contain UW lamps, such as overhead projectors, may also contain optical lenses. These lenses have the potential to magnify sunlight, causing heat intense enough to produce flames that could quickly spread throughout the facility and result in the release of the hazardous constituents contained within electronic devices and other items of accumulated UW. UW batteries are another potential fire hazard. California fire authorities have identified the potential of UW batteries to ignite under very dry and sunny conditions.

Help prevent a costly and potentially catastrophic fire at your site, and protect human health and the environment, by shielding/shading/covering products that may contain an optical lens or a battery from direct sunlight.

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