

CHaRM PRICES AND GUIDELINES ▶ PLEASE NOTE: There is a \$3 FACILITY FEE for every vehicle visiting the CHaRM to recycle materials.

PLASTICS These hard-to-recycle plastics are not accepted in curbside bins.

#2 & #4 PLASTIC BAGS NO CHARGE

• #2 and #4 ONLY
(newspaper bags, grocery bags, dry cleaner bags, etc.) MUST be clean, dry, and empty of all food, receipts, etc. with tape and stickers removed. *NO sandwich bags, plastic food wrap or black bags. NOT accepted with curbside recycling.*



#6 WHITE BLOCK FOAM PACKAGING

• #6 White block foam packaging and rigid foam insulation only
• Residents: NO CHARGE
• Businesses: \$6 per cubic yard
NO packing peanuts, Styrofoam® cups or "to-go" boxes

ELECTRONICS, ETC.

AUDIO EQUIPMENT

• Home Stereo Components: \$8
• Car Stereos: \$4

COMPUTERS & COMPUTER EQUIP.

• Monitors 19" or smaller: \$10
• Monitors 20" to 34": \$15
• Towers/CPUs: \$8
• Printers/scanners: \$8
• Laptops: \$4
• Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS): \$8
• Keyboards, mice, cables: NO CHARGE
• Large misc. computer equip.: 30¢/lb.



COPIERS & FAX MACHINES

Fax Machines: \$8
Desktop Copiers: \$8
Large Copiers (more than 40 lbs.): 30¢/lb.

BIG DURABLE #2 PLASTICS NO CHARGE

• Large plastics marked with a #2 such as plastic toys like Big Wheels® and plastic play structures, plastic lawn furniture, plastic watering cans, laundry baskets, clean #2 plastic buckets (no residue), crates, rigid backyard kiddie pools and plastic trash containers with a #2.
• In some cases, these plastics may not be marked with a #2, so look for them to be opaque with a matte finish and hollow inside. They are made with a mold, so will likely have a seam where two halves were joined.
• Please remove non-plastic parts.
NO flower pots without a #2, inflatable pools or other inflatable plastics, water beds, chew toys, CD jewel cases, small toys such as action figures, etc.



PHONES

• Cell Phones: NO CHARGE
• Office Phones: \$4
• Home Phones: \$2



PRINTER CARTRIDGES NO CHARGE

• Ink jet and laser jet printer cartridges

SMALL ELECTRONIC ITEMS

• PDAs and Gameboys: \$2
• Video Game Systems: \$4 – \$8 (depending on size)
• Walkmans/iPods: \$2

TVs, VCRs & DVD PLAYERS

• TVs 19" or smaller: \$10
• TVs 20" to 34": \$15
• Consoles and TVs larger than 34": \$30
• VCRs/DVD Players: \$8
• Satellite Boxes: \$8

BICYCLES & PARTS

BICYCLES & BIKE PARTS NO CHARGE

• Any condition
• Includes integral parts such as seats, pedals, handlebars, wheels, etc. and metal accessories such as baskets and Pannier racks
NO other accessories or sporting goods



BICYCLE TIRES & INNER TUBES

• Tires: \$0.50 each
• Tubes: NO CHARGE

MISC.

BOOKS & MANUALS NO CHARGE

• Computer and office manuals
• Hard-bound books and paperbacks
• Also accepted at the Broomfield Drop-off Center

COOKING OIL NO CHARGE

• Such as canola, corn, vegetable, olive and sesame oils
NO motor oil or any oil used for purposes other than cooking.



FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

• Boulder Residents with ID: NO CHARGE
• Non-Boulder Residents: \$4

PORCELAIN TOILETS, SINKS & URINALS

• Toilet, with non-porcelain materials removed: \$4
• Toilet, with non-porcelain materials attached: \$10
• Sink or urinal: \$2
• Sink or urinal with plumbing attached: \$5
• Porcelain MUST be as clean as possible.
NO biohazards

TEXTILES

ATHLETIC SHOES

NO CHARGE
NO cleats, metal parts, zippers, mud or Keds-type canvas sneakers



TEXTILES NO CHARGE

• Clothing, bedding, towels, fabrics
• Paired shoes (no mud)
• Items may be stained or ripped, but they must be clean. Must be 12" square or larger.
NO bathing suits, underwear or socks

FAQs

Q: Why is there a \$3 facility fee in addition to the recycling fees that apply to specific materials?

A: The operating costs of the CHaRM have increased so in order to keep this important service going, we need financial support from you, our third partner, in addition to subsidies from Eco-Cycle and the city of Boulder.

The benefit of this fee is also environmental: We are encouraging recyclers to economize their trips and to bike their materials to the CHaRM. In fact, The CHaRM is right by the junction of the Goose Creek Path and the Boulder Creek Path, so it's easy to get to us. Plus, *bicyclists are not charged a facility fee!* (Material fees still apply.) Other ways to save include carpooling and purchasing our Frequent Recycler Card, which gives you five trips for \$10. It will never expire and it's virtual—we keep track of it at the CHaRM.

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Q: Why is there a fee for some materials?

A: All electronic items must be disassembled before they can be recycled, a labor-intensive process that often requires handling toxic substances. The funds are also used to offset the costs of collecting, storing and marketing the materials.

“Free” electronics recycling events usually have a hidden, and toxic, price. The collected e-scrap may be exported to developing countries where items and their toxic components are dismantled in horrific conditions that are harmful to the workers, local community and environment. Learn more at www.ecocycle.org/charm.

Q: Why is it important to keep electronics out of the landfill?

A: Each television or computer monitor contains 3-8 pounds of lead, and like most electronics, also contains a host of other toxic substances such as cadmium, mercury and arsenic. These toxic substances could contaminate groundwater when landfilled.

Q: Why aren't manufacturers held responsible for taking their products back for recycling?

A: While multinational manufacturers are recycling electronics overseas through a concept called Extended Producer Responsibility, they are not required to offer programs in the U.S. and often do not do so. Until consumers and legislators demand take-back programs and products designed for the environment and not the dump, consumers and local governments will continue to foot the bill for protecting human and environmental health. Visit www.ecocycle.org/charm for a list of manufacturers with take-back programs.

Q: What happens to my electronic equipment after I drop it off at the CHaRM?

A: Working computers Pentium III and above are donated to the Jared Polis Foundation for their C3

program, which helps bring computers to the underserved communities of Colorado. Obsolete electronics go to a demanufacturing facility that, along with Eco-Cycle, has signed the “Pledge of True Stewardship,” a program that assures the highest level of environmental and social stewardship in the industry, from the demanufacturer through all downstream vendors.

Q: What happens to the other items I drop off at the CHaRM?

A: Please visit www.ecocycle.org/charm to find out!

Q: Why are certain items “hard to recycle”?

A: Everything is recyclable in theory, but what determines whether a product is easy to recycle (like containers and paper) or hard to recycle (like electronics) is having a buyer, or market, for the materials. For a market to exist, there must be a manufacturer willing and able to process the material and create another use for it. The CHaRM works hard to seek out new and local markets for hard-to-recycle materials and to share our successes with recyclers throughout the United States and beyond.

BUSINESSES

Receive hard-to-recycle collection with CHaRM on the Road!

Eco-Cycle offers CHaRM on the Road, a collection program for businesses for all of our hard-to-recycle materials. For most large collections, we charge a per hour hauling rate from when our truck leaves our gate until it returns. For large quantities of computer equipment, pricing for material processing is based on weight rather than unit. Call us at 303-444-6634 ext. 2 to see which program is right for you!

The CHaRM is funded in part by city of Boulder trash tax dollars.



Eco-Cycle Partner for Responsible Recycling

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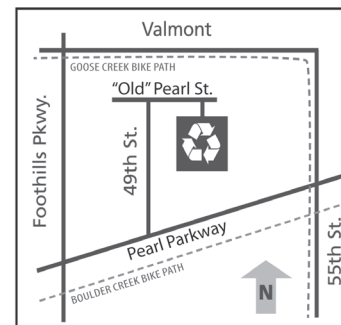
e-Stewards

Eco-Cycle is a proud signer of the Basel Action Network's (BAN) Pledge of True Stewardship, the world's most rigorous environmental and social justice criteria for recycling e-scrap.

Our materials are recycled domestically and responsibly.

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**5030 “Old” Pearl St., Boulder.
Monday - Saturday
9 am - 4 pm**



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Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials

Materials collected, guidelines, prices, FAQs and map

