Hawaii Electronic Device Recycling and Recovery Law



Collectors of electronic devices (EDs) recycled and reused in the State of Hawaii must register with the Department of Health (DOH) and pay an annual registration fee of \$250. Manufacturers shall only utilize Collectors registered with the DOH.

Collector Definition

Collector means a person that accepts electronic devices for reuse or delivers the devices to a recycler for the purposes of this chapter.

Additional Definitions

- Person: any individual, business, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, not-forprofit organization, association, government entity, public benefit corporation, or public authority.
- Recycler: any person who engages in the recycling of electronic devices for the purposes of this chapter.
- Recycling: processing, including disassembling, dismantling, or shredding, electronic devices or their components to recover a useable product.
- Reuse: any operation by which an electronic device changes ownership and is used for the same purpose for which it was originally purchased.

Collector Requirements

Collectors shall register with the DOH and pay a \$250 fee annually.

Collectors shall maintain records for a minimum of five years of the following:

- the amount, in weight, of electronic devices it has collected: and
- the amount, in weight, sent for recycling and reuse; and
- bills of lading or weight tickets for all electronic devices sent for recycling or reuse.

Collectors shall possess and maintain all necessary business and environmental permits.

Collectors shall report to the DOH by March 31st of each year the weight of all electronic devices collected for recycling or reuse, the weight of electronic devices sent to each recycler, and the number of electronic devices reused in the previous year.

Recycling and Recovery

Manufacturers are required to submit recycling plans to the DOH for approval. The collection, transportation, and recycling of electronic devices (EDs) must be fully funded by the manufacturer.

Recycling plans are subject to the following conditions in law:

- No fee shall be charged at the point of collection if the ED is brought by the ED owner to a central location for recycling.
- A reasonable transportation fee may be charged if the ED manufacturer or manufacturer's agent removes the ED from the owner's premises at the owner's request and if the removal is not in conjunction with delivery of a new ED to the owner.
- Convenient collection services shall be provided at a minimum of once per month in each County and <u>zip</u> <u>code tabulation area with a</u> <u>population greater than 25,000</u>.
- Mail-back only recycling plans are not allowed.
- ED collectors must be registered with the DOH. Recyclers must be R2 or e-Stewards certified.
- Each manufacturer may develop its own recycling program or may collaborate with other manufacturers.

Collector Timeline

January 1, 2026

Registration and \$250 fee payment are due to the DOH. Annual fee payments are due by January 1st of each year.

March 31, 2026

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Collector Registration Form

The registration form can be downloaded from: www.hawaii.gov/ewaste

Mail the completed form and the \$250 registration fee to:

Hawaii Department of Health Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch 2827 Waimano Home Rd. #100 Pearl City, HI 96782

Registered collectors will be listed on: www.hawaii.gov/ewaste

For More Information Contact

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