



Washington State Department of Ecology

Electronic Product Recycling Program - Chapter 173-900 WAC

Rule Proposal Notice - Request for Public Comments

The Department of Ecology proposes to adopt a rule, **Chapter 173-900 WAC Washington State Electronic Product Recycling Program**. We will publish the full language of the proposed rule in the August 2, 2006 edition of the *Washington State Register*.

This rule would require manufacturers of covered electronic products to:

- register with Ecology before selling their products in Washington,
- pay an annual administrative fee to cover Ecology’s oversight costs, and
- brand all of their electronic products sold in or into Washington state.

The rule requires Washington’s retailers to sell branded products. The rule’s registration requirements also apply to collectors and transporters of covered electronic products. The proposed rule prescribes an enforcement process and associated penalties for non-compliance.

“Covered electronic products” means personal computers, laptop and portable computers, and computer monitors; and it includes any television receiver used by households, or by small government agencies, school districts, charities, and other non-profit organizations.

Ecology proposes this rule under the authority granted by the Washington State Legislature during its 2006 session. The Electronic Product Recycling bill became law as **Chapter 70.95N RCW**. The rule we propose details who must comply as of January 1, 2007 with the labeling, registration, and fees payment requirements established by the statute.

Throughout the coming year Ecology will develop needed rules to fulfill the intent of this law.

Public hearing schedule

Date and Time	Location	Driving Directions
August 22 7:00 PM	Department of Ecology Vancouver Field Office 2108 Grand Boulevard Vancouver, WA	<p>Heading I-5 South bound: Take Fourth Plain Exit 1D, turn left onto Fourth Plain Blvd., heading east.</p> <p>Heading I-5 North bound: Take Fourth Plain Exit 1D, stay left and pass Exit 1C. Merge into right lane and exit (1D) onto Fourth Plain Blvd., heading east.</p> <p>Proceed on Fourth Plain Blvd. approximately 1 mile and turn right onto Grand Boulevard. Look for the “Department of Fish and Wildlife” sign on the right side of Grand Boulevard, approximately 1 block. The Vancouver Field Office is located across the street from a Fred Meyer’s store.</p>

<p>August 24 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Snohomish County P. U. D. Electric Bldg. Headquarters Commissioners Meeting Rm. 2320 California Street Everett, WA</p>	<p>Heading I-5 South bound: Take exit 194, follow city center signs onto Everett Avenue westbound (right). Turn left at Virginia Avenue. Turn right at California Street.</p> <p>Heading I-5 Northbound: Take exit 193, turn left onto Pacific Avenue. Turn right at Cedar Street, then left on Hewitt Avenue. Turn right on Virginia Avenue. The building is on California Street and Virginia Avenue.</p>
<p>August 29 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Spokane Regional Health District Auditorium 1101 W. College Avenue Spokane, WA</p>	<p>Heading I-90 East bound: Take the Monroe Street exit, proceed North on Monroe Street, cross over the Spokane River. Turn left onto College Avenue, toward the County Court House. The Health District building is on the left.</p>

How to submit your comments

You may give us your formal comments in the following ways:

1. Testify or hand us your written comments at a public hearing.
2. Visit our website to submit comments electronically at:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/eproductrecycle/rulDev.html>
3. E-mail your comments to wa-recycles-electronics@ecy.wa.gov
4. Mail written comments to the:

Department of Ecology
Electronics Rule Comments – ATTN: Jay Shepard
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

We must receive your comment by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) September 7, 2006.

Expected Adoption Date

Ecology will consider each comment received during the official comment period. We will revise the rule as necessary, and adopt the final rule no earlier than October 25, 2006.

Registration for manufacturers, collectors, and transporters will begin no earlier than October 25, 2006. Manufacturers must be registered with Ecology no later than January 1, 2007 in order to offer for sale or sell their covered electronic products in Washington state after January 1, 2007.

Additional information

- Online visit: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/eproductrecycle/rulDev.html>
- To join the electronic product recycling listserv:
<http://listserv.wa.gov/archives/wa-recycles-electronics.html>
- **Contact:** Jay Shepard wa-recycles-electronics@ecy.wa.gov or phone (360) 407-7040 in Lacey.