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Recycle Your Old Devices & Electronics

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**We've all had extra time this past year
to go through our drawers and
cupboards and closets
gathering our old plugs and chargers and
accessories and phones and laptops etc.**

**Here are some ideas about what do to prepare
and where to go to recycle properly.**

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With regards to power cords, chargers and other accessories, there isn't much to do but pack them into a bag and donate or recycle.

However, regarding your devices, it is important to take the time to “birthday suit” or reset the device, tablet, laptop, desktop as though you never used it.

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Apple Devices

**You are welcome to contact our Resource Center
843-842-4475 to get help from our Apple
Volunteers regarding the resetting of your Apple
devices before recycling.**

**It's worth taking time to make sure backups have
been done and your accounts are in order before
removing that device from your Apple Account.**

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**Of course, there is great help on this from Apple, call
1-800-MYAPPLE
800-692-7753**

More information is available for you from Apple support.

What to do before you sell, give away, or trade in your Mac

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201065>

What to do before you sell, give away, or trade in your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201351>

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Apple Devices

Apple devices will qualify for a credit or gift card. Many brands of phones will qualify but other devices from other manufacturers or brands may not.

Apple will provide a prepaid return label for all devices.

To view details, go to: <https://www.apple.com/shop/trade-in>

For a look at how Apple is Recycling the devices that they collect from their users, check out this video of

Daisy the Robot recycles iPhones - Apple expands global recycling program as of 2019

<https://youtu.be/xQqSK6NUXtQ>

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Windows Desktops & Laptops

With our Windows devices doing a backup and either removing the hard drive from the device and keeping it and having that as a back is one option.

Some of our volunteers can help you with this process and there are a few good tech places on the Island that can help with that as well ~ 843-842-4475

Alternately, you can do a “birthday suit” or full reset to you Windows 10 PC

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Windows Desktops & Laptops

**Our Windows Settings has a process to reset under
Settings/Update & Security/Recovery**

Reset this PC

**And at the bottom of that page for more answers, click on:
Learn how to start fresh with a clean installation of
Windows**

**This process will set the system back to full factory settings
without your account or data on the system so be sure to
back up your own data before doing this.**

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RECYCLING? Where?

Now that your systems and/or devices and accessories are ready to go out the door, there are a few things to be aware of.

Note:

Electronics

Section 48-60-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, *Environmental Protection and Conservation*, bans computers, computer monitors, printers and televisions from disposal in landfills, which means residents may no longer bring these items to Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Convenience Centers.

Here is a link to the full pdf

<https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/Library/CR-011357.pdf>

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Beaufort County Electronics Recycling

Beaufort County hosts four Electronics Recycling each year.
Here is the link for more information:

<https://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/solid-waste-and-recycle/calendar-events.html>

2021 Electronics (E-waste) Recycling Events

- February 6, 2021.
- May 22, 2021.
- September 11, 2021.
- December 11, 2021.

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Local Recyclers ~ Best Buy

Best Buy Recycling Info ~ 843-815-5590

<https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcmcat149900050025>

Accepted at Best Buy stores ~ Recycling is intended for residents only. Products from businesses and organizations, or items that present a health or safety hazard are not accepted.

Products we recycle for free ~ Limit three items per household per day.

Battery backups (UPS); Cables and connectors; DirecTV set-top boxes/converters; DVD/Blu-ray players; Headphones; In-dash/overhead DVD; Internet TV set-top boxes/satellite receivers; Portable DVD; ... VCRs; Wall mounts and more.

Products we recycle for a \$25 fee per item ~ Limit two TVs per household per day.

Tube TVs smaller than 32"; Flat-panel TVs: LCD, plasma, LED smaller than 50"; Portable TVs

Please check their site and call before going to get details. There are a list of items NOT accepted and a haul-away service option as well.

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Local Recyclers ~ Staples

Staples Recycling Info ~843-842-3869

Here is your link for more info:

<https://www.staples.com/sbd/cre/marketing/sustainability-center/recycling-services/electronics/>

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR FREE RECYCLING* call before going:

Accessories/adapters/cables; All-in-one computers; Cable/satellite receivers; Calculators; Camcorders; CD/DVD/Blu-ray players; Coffee Brewers (less than 40 lb.); Computer speakers; Connected home devices; Copiers; Cordless phones; Desktop computers; Digital cameras; Digital projectors; eReaders; Fax machines; Flash drives; Gaming consoles/handhelds; GPS devices; Hard drives; iPod®/MP3 players; Keyboards & mice; Laptops; Mobile phones; Modems; Monitors (including CRT, LED/LCD, plasma); Printers/multifunction devices; Routers; Scanners; Shredders; Small servers; Stereo receivers; Tablets; UPS/battery backup devices; Video streaming devices (Apple TV®, Roku Player, etc.); Webcams

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Make sure you check with whoever you are recycling with to see...

PROHIBITED ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING

Alkaline batteries; Appliances; Floor-model printers and copiers; Kitchen electronics; Lamps or bulbs; Large servers;

Large speakers; Non-rechargeable lithium batteries;

Smoke detectors; Televisions

Do your research!

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Other Stores?

Lowes, Bluffton ~ 843-837-8887

Lightbulbs and batteries **ONLY**

Target Bluffton

Cell phones and chargers only. Drop in bins at front of store.

Or perhaps try

EcoATM <https://www.ecoatm.com/>

Price your item on website. Then recycle at a kiosk machine in the Walmart on north end at 25 Pembroke Dr. and inside Kroger at 42 Shelter Cove Lane. Device will be examined by the machine and will pay cash immediately depending on condition. Phones and tablets **ONLY**.

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Donations?

Perhaps you have a device that still works, but you have something newer and want to donate it. There are local Thrift Shops who accept electronics donations if they work properly and are clean and renewed.

Remember to call to confirm

It's still important that you clear off all your data whether you are recycling or donating.

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Various Thrift Shops

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While they do not recycle items they will accept donated items in working condition.

St. Francis Thrift Shop 6 Southwood Park Dr. 843- 689-6563

donations accepted T-TH-Sat 10-2 only

<http://www.stfrancisthriftshophhi.org/Donating.aspx>

Goodwill in Port Royal Plaza 95 Mathews Dr. 843-790-8589

<https://palmettogoodwill.org/>

Bargain Box 564 Wm Hilton Parkway 843-342-2469 call for hours

no tube TVs, no computers but yes to phones, tablets, printers in

working order <https://www.thebargainboxofhiltonhead.org/donate>

The Litter Box 46 Old Wild Horse Road 843-842-6369

By appointment only for now. Please call.

http://www.hhhumane.org/?page_id=500

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Most importantly...
**Always call ahead after doing your
research no matter where you
choose to give, donate, sell or
recycle your stuff.**

Q & A

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