



Minnesota Electronics Recycling Act

Frequently Asked Questions – Collectors

When do collectors have to register?

- Registration is due July 15 each year.

Do collectors have to register to collect electronics for recycling in Minnesota?

- Registration is required to collect covered electronic devices in Minnesota from household sources. Organizations that exclusively collect electronics sourced from businesses, government, or other non-household sources do not need to register.

When do collectors have to report annual activities?

- Annual reporting is due July 15 each year.

How do collectors register and report?

- Registration and reporting are both managed online through Re-TRAC Connect (connect.re-trac.com). All registered parties will be notified via email when the new registration and reporting forms are ready.

Are there any new requirements for registration?

- Collectors must indicate if they charge end-of-life fees to households dropping off covered electronic devices (Yes/No, not specific amounts).

Can customers be charged fees to collect their electronics?

- Yes.

Can collectors limit which electronics they accept?

- Yes.

Are there any new requirements for reporting?

- Collectors must indicate if they had a contract with a recycler or manufacturer to provide pounds toward meeting a manufacturer's obligation (Yes/No).

Are there any other new responsibilities for registered collectors?

- Collection sites must be staffed and open to the public at a frequency adequate to meeting the needs of the area being served.

Do collectors have to send collected covered electronics devices to another registered party?

- Yes, collectors must send all collected covered electronic devices to a registered collector or recycler. Be sure to check the list of registered stakeholders each year to ensure the collector/recycler receiving material is registered: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/electronics/registered-stakeholders>.

What if a recycler is not registered according to the MPCA's webpage?

- Recyclers must be registered to recycle covered electronic devices from Minnesota. If a recycler is not registered, contact the MPCA e-waste program and provide contact information for the recycler so action can be taken to register the company. In addition, please notify the recycler about the need to register.

Do collectors have to send collected covered electronic devices to a recycler certified by R2, e-Stewards, or another certification body?

- No, but certification is necessary in order for a recycler to provide any covered electronic devices to meet a manufacturer's obligation. Also, due diligence is highly recommended for both certified and not certified recyclers. More information: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/due-diligence>.

Does registration/certification ensure that any electronics sent to a recycler will be managed properly?

- No. Due diligence is necessary to determine if electronics will be managed in an environmentally proper and safe manner. The MPCA does not guarantee that every registered party is operating in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. More information: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/due-diligence>.

For more information, please see: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/minnesota-electronics-recycling-act>.