



Minnesota Electronics Recycling Act

Frequently Asked Questions – Manufacturers

Registration

When do manufacturers have to register?

- Registration is due to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) by August 15 of each year starting 2016.

Which manufacturers need to register?

- For the program year starting July 1, 2016, only those manufacturers selling video display devices (VDD; televisions or computer monitors of any size, including closed-circuit televisions and all-in-one computers) to Minnesota households need to register.

Is there a registration fee?

- Each manufacturer that registers and sells 100 or more video display devices annually must pay a registration fee of \$2,500 to the Minnesota Department of Revenue (MDOR), due August 15 of each year. Manufacturers with fewer than 100 sales are no longer subjected to a registration fee.

Scope of products

What products are used to determine a manufacturer's obligation?

- Starting Program Year 10, only sales of monitors and televisions of any size, including closed-circuit televisions and all-in-one computers, will apply towards determining a manufacturer's obligation.

What products are now defined as covered electronic devices (CEDs)?

- Computers, including tablet computers and laptop computers, peripherals, facsimile machines, DVD players, video cassette recorders, and video display devices that are sold to a household by means of retail, wholesale, or electronic commerce.

Reporting

When is the report due on manufacturer sales in the state?

- The MPCA sales report for Program Year 10 is due August 1, 2016. This report is for Program Year 9 sales based upon the new VDD definition.
- The report for Program Year 11 and each year after is due by March 1, 2017. This report is based on previous calendar year VDD sales.

What is the due date for the annual report?

- Reporting is due by August 15, 2016, to the MDOR using the previous VDD definition.
- Beginning 2017, reporting will be due annually on August 15, to the MPCA using the new VDD definition. Revenue will continue to receive the registration and recycling fees.

Recycling obligation

What is the obligation for manufacturers?

- For Program Years 10-12, the total obligation is specified in statute:
 - PY10: 25 million pounds
 - PY11: 23 million pounds
 - PY12: 21 million pounds
- For Program Year 13 and in future program years, total obligation is set by the actual pounds of televisions and computer monitors collected, based on a two-year average.

How will recycling obligations be determined and apportioned?

- The MPCA will determine individual recycling obligations based on each manufacturer's percentage share of the total reported weight of VDD sold. The percentage share will be applied to the total recycling obligation to determine individual obligations.
- Obligations are apportioned to television manufacturers at 80% and computer monitor manufacturers at 20%.

When will the manufacturers be informed of their obligation?

- Individual manufacturers will be assigned Program Year 10 obligations on September 1, 2016.
- Individual manufacturer obligations for Program Years 11 and future program years will be assigned on May 1, starting in 2017.

Which devices may be used to fulfill manufacturer recycling obligations?

- Only covered electronic devices from Minnesota household sources collected by registered collectors and recycled by registered recyclers with third-party certification (R2, eStewards) may be used to fulfill recycling obligations.

Recycling credits

What are the changes that apply to recycling credits?

- No new recycling credits can be created during Program Years 10-12.
- Starting Program Year 13, recycling credits can be created for those pounds that are collected from outside the 11-county metropolitan area.

May existing recycling credits be used to fulfill manufacturer obligations during Program Years 10-12?

- Yes, recycling credits created in Program Years 1-9 may still be used to fulfill up to 25% of a manufacturer's obligation in Program Years 10-12.

Financial obligations

Do the manufacturers have specified financial obligations under with the change to the program?

- Manufacturers are now required to cover the recycling and transportation costs associated with the products collected that are used meet their obligations.

Incentive for collection in Greater Minnesota

Do the manufacturers receive an incentive in the form of a recycling bonus for covered electronic devices collected in Greater Minnesota?

- There is no bonus incentive for covered electronic devices collected in Greater Minnesota for Program Years 10-12.
- Starting Program Year 13 (July 1, 2019), the weight of covered electronic devices collected outside of the 11-county metropolitan area and applied to manufacturer recycling obligations is calculated at 1.5 times the actual weight.

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