



# Government of Gibraltar

## Department of the Environment

### Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE)



**DON'T BIN IT!**



Rapid advances in technology and an expanding demand for new features accelerate the generation of electronic waste. Every year in Gibraltar a large number of computers, monitors, copiers, fax machines, printers, televisions, and other electronic items become obsolete and if not reused or recycled properly could potentially harm our environment.

You will see when you purchase electrical or electronic equipment that they carry the 'don't bin it' symbol. This means that it cannot be disposed of in your household bin.

When purchasing a new electrical or electronic product, the local retailer is obliged to offer a **free take-back service** on the item being replaced. The take-back service works on a 'like for like' basis. This means, for example, that when you purchase a DVD player you could return a record player. Businesses must accept it even if it is a different type or brand to those sold by them and even if the product was purchased elsewhere.

The type of items that qualify for the take-back service can be found overleaf. A more detailed list of the types of electrical and electronic equipment can be obtained from the Department of the Environment website [www.gibraltar.gov.gi/environment/environment](http://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/environment/environment).

If you wish to dispose of goods yourself the Government has set up a facility for the collection and sorting of all WEEE. The facility allows the general public and traders to dispose of their WEEE at the temporary WEEE park. It is situated at Europa Advance Battery, Europa Advance Road and operated by Gibraltar General Support Services Ltd. This sorting facility is available to the general public Mondays to Fridays 8am to 8pm and Saturdays 8am to 1pm. The facility is not open on Sundays or public holidays.

## **Types of groups with examples of items that qualify for the take-back service**

1. Large household appliances e.g. refrigerators, coolers, radiators, microwaves, fans, etc.
2. Small household appliances e.g. Toasters, fryers, clocks, vacuum cleaners, etc.
3. IT and telecommunications equipment e.g. laptops, desktops, printers, telephones, mobile phones, modems, etc.
4. Consumer equipment e.g. televisions, musical equipment, DVD and video players, etc.
5. Lighting equipment e.g. fluorescent tubes and lamps.
6. Electrical and electronics tools (with the exception of large-scale stationary industrial tools) e.g. power drills, circular saws, jig saws, etc.
7. Toys, leisure and sports equipment e.g. video game consoles, sports equipment with electrical and electronic components.
8. Medical devices (with the exception of all implanted and infected products).
9. Monitoring and control instruments e.g. smoke detectors, thermostats, heating regulators, etc.
10. Automatic dispensers e.g. automatic dispensers for hot and cold drinks, money, confectionary, etc.

For a complete list of all the items that qualify under the WEEE regulations please visit the Department of the Environment website [www.gibraltar.gov.gi/environment/environment](http://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/environment/environment).



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