

# Items accepted and related costs for **Environmental Defenders of McHenry County** **2018 Recycling Drives**

We accept all electronics, defined as anything that runs on batteries or plugs in with the exception of large household appliances (white goods). \*\*

## **These items are accepted at no charge:**

- Desktop computers, servers, and related equipment
- Laptops, iPads and tablets
- Printers, scanners, copiers and typewriters
- All Peripherals such as cables cords, mice, keyboards
- Ethernet and Internet switches, telephones (residential and commercial)
- Vacuums, floor cleaners, electric brooms
- Power tools, electric garden tools
- Kitchen counter appliances, bathroom gadgets
- Home stereo equipment including speakers, cabling, antennas
- VCR, DVD, cassette, laser players
- Cameras, cell phones, any hand-held device
- Game boys, electronic toys, electric cars
- Humidifiers, small refrigerators, fans (all kinds)
- Microwaves

## **The following items require a fee of \$.50 per pound with a maximum charge of \$50.00 PER ITEM:**

- All Televisions (any size) and
- Computer Monitors

Each will be weighed to determine the fee, up to \$50.00 per item.

## **The following items are also collected at the drives at no charge:**

- Styrofoam, all colors, shapes and sizes--must be clean
- Packing peanuts--only if securely enclosed in bag or box
- Bubble wrap, packing pillows, foam sheets, etc.
- DVDs, CDs, VHS and cassette tapes, floppy disks
- Clothing/shoes/blankets/towels

## **We accept the following for an additional fee:**

- Batteries; all types, \$.50 per pound  
(No charge for car/motorcycle or sump pump batteries)
- Florescent light bulbs \$.50 per 4 ft. bulb or compact fluorescent light (CFL); \$1.00 per 8 ft. bulbs  
(Regular incandescent bulbs can be put in your curbside trash)

The Environmental Defenders does its best to carefully and conscientiously transfer these items to companies and/or organizations that responsibly recycle them, using best practices. Each item is taken to a local warehouse in Elgin, operated by Chicago Logistic Service, where they are sorted and prepared for shipping to their final recycling home. Feel free to ask what will happen to your items or, better yet, volunteer your time to the Environmental Defenders and see first-hand.

Please, do not bring white goods to any drive; there are numerous other resources to dispose of them locally. Contact your local municipality for information.

\*\*If you are unsure about an item call us at 815-338-0393