



# MEMORANDUM

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TO: Municipal Recycling Officials  
FROM: Nancy Fromnick  
County Recycling Coordinator  
RE: TV Disposal  
Best Buy No Longer Accepts TVs or Monitors  
DATE: February 5, 2016

Please be aware that the Covered Device Law prohibits TVs and monitors to be disposed in a landfill or transfer station. Now that Best Buy no longer accepts these items, there is nowhere for Chester County residents to dispose of their TVs and monitors. Please discuss this matter with your front-end staff so they are knowledgeable and can direct callers to **contact their representatives. Legislative action amending the Covered Device Recycling Act (Act 108 of 2010) is the only option at this time.** A letter from your governing body to state representatives would also be in order. **DO NOT REFER RESIDENTS TO OUR OFFICE.**

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority will continue to collect computers and its other peripherals at no cost.

Please read the attached document from the Electronics Recycling Association of PA and see the press release from Best Buy linked here <https://corporate.bestbuy.com/10556-2/>. Residents may still schedule a TV pickup with Best Buy for \$99 according to their website.

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Electronics Recycling Association of PA

January 19, 2016

## **The Pennsylvania E-Scrap Recycling Industry is Shrinking, Not Growing**

The Electronics Recycling Association of Pennsylvania (ERAP) is leading pursuit of amendment to Act 108, the Covered Device Recycling Act. ERAP is engaged in many stakeholder discussions and asks for your support, please read forward.

In November 2010, Act 108, the **Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA)**, was signed into law. CDRA requires electronics manufacturers to collect their share of electronics sold in Pennsylvania. These electronics include desktop computers, laptop computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals (such as keyboards, mice, printers), and televisions (including flat panels). The CDRA requires recycling for 85% of Pennsylvania citizenry.

In January 2013, under CDRA, a disposal ban went into effect for electronics and residents could no longer dispose of these electronics. The program was phased in over three (3) years with manufacturers expected to pay for the collection, transportation, and processing of electronics. Since the Covered Device Recycling Act began, there are negative impacts that occurred – here are a few.

1. **Pennsylvania E-Scrap recycling is shrinking, not growing.** The total quantity of collection sites for 2015 was verified and of the total sites, approximately 150 sites accepted all CDRA listed electronics. Compared to the 85% coverage goal under the Act, these 150 sites only account for 63.5% of the Pennsylvania population. Without adequate electronic manufacturer financial support for coverage of collection, transportation, and recycling, recycling coverage will decrease, as we are observing amongst 2016 sites.

2. In 2016, and largely due to inadequate electronics manufacturer support as required in the CDRA, additional **sites are closing or opting out of service** to Pennsylvania citizens. The result is that:

- Over 20 regional recycling sites are closing in western Pennsylvania;
- 2 Counties in south central Pennsylvania have lost service;
- Underserved counties include the five (5) county area surrounding Philadelphia;
- Collection locations are absent from the majority of the Route 79 corridor from Butler County to Erie County, and many of the rural counties in the Commonwealth;
- At last count, these effects impact but are not limited to 18 Counties of which DEP notified electronics manufacturers- Armstrong, Bucks, Bradford, Cameron, Carbon, Chester, Clinton, Cumberland, Delaware, Huntingdon, Montgomery, Montour, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Wyoming.

When paired with the electronics disposal ban that is part of CDRA, this has led to **heightened illegal dumping** of electronics in state forests, abandoned properties, and off roadways, including computer monitors and old TVs, which are known to contain heavy metals, especially leaded glass.

3. Recyclers provide the collection, transportation, and processing on behalf of the manufacturers where the unit rate paid per pound for electronics from the manufacturer often is depressed. This is a flawed model, given dynamic fluctuations in scrap value. The electronics manufacturer rate under the law does not adjust to changes in scrap value leaving not only recyclers, but **municipally supported collection programs with inadequately mandated risk and unfunded liability.**

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4. Since 2011 several Pennsylvania permitted recyclers have participated in the CDRA program. Two companies have closed their businesses. Eight (8) companies continue to reduce participation largely due to current CDRA structure. The recyclers that remain engaged are faced with the risk and liability for the proper handling of electronics while not receiving the legislated electronics manufacturer payment that covers 100% of the cost of recycling. The burden of this structure does not provide adequately for Pennsylvania non-profit, for-profit, and municipal organizations that function as collectors. In most cases, the **responsibility falls on the municipality, township, county, or authority.**

5. CDRA requires electronics manufacturers to recycle in a given year the total weight of products they sold two (2) years ago. For 2016, an electronics manufacturer is required to recycle the weight of material they sold in Pennsylvania in 2014. Many electronics last longer than 2 years. Picture this – How do you account for the 2014 reduced weight of a tablet, pad, or flat television – products of 2 years ago – when many of the electronics that we need to recycle are heavy, back-breaking console televisions of decades ago? This **arbitrarily reduces electronics manufacturer's recycling** because sales weight is going down. There is no relationship between dated electronics that need to be recycled and 2-year old sales.

**– This has caused Marketplace Imbalance –**

**Sadly, it has become more effective for electronics scrap recyclers to decrease services to stabilize revenue rather than expand business to Pennsylvania citizens**

When your membership raises Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA) concerns, we request that you swiftly mobilize and bring these issues to state representatives and senators, but especially the Honorable Chris Ross, prime sponsor of Act 108, the Covered Device Recycling Act.

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Should you require more information as to the ongoing CDRA issues that lead to the **decline in Pennsylvania's electronics recycling future**, please contact the Electronics Recycling Association of Pennsylvania Secretary, Mark Kasper.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Electronic Recycling Association of Pennsylvania**  
**Board of Directors**

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New Castle County Libraries welcome author Daniel James Brown

Please mark your calendars now, as we welcome acclaimed author Daniel James Brown to New Castle County. This is a literary event you won't want to miss!

Mr. Brown's book, *The Boys in the Boat*, is the featured title of our **2016 New Castle County Reads** program. We hope you will enjoy reading or re-reading this New York Times bestselling novel and hearing more about it from the talented author. You and your book club members will have two opportunities to see Daniel James Brown.

- **Wednesday, April 20 @ 7 pm** – author talk and book signing at the Chase Center on the River Front. This event is free and open to the public. And the Blue Rocks are out of town!
- **Thursday, April 21 @ 9 am** – breakfast at the Brandywine Hundred Library, by registration only. This event is only open to registered book club members! **Seating is limited**, so have your members register individually asap to Susan Joseph at (302) 395-5656 or [sjoseph@nccde.org](mailto:sjoseph@nccde.org).

This year the New Castle County Reads program is once again focusing on reaching out to the community encouraging everyone to read the same book. We invite all independent book groups to read **The Boys in the Boat**. We will provide copies of the book **while supplies last**, and in the order in which your group registers. You will be contacted when your books are ready for pick up at the library.

**The #1 New York Times–bestselling story about American Olympic triumph in Nazi Germany**

For readers of *Unbroken*, out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant.

It was an unlikely quest from the start. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. The emotional heart of the tale lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not only to regain his shattered self-regard but also to find a real place for himself in the world. Drawing on the boys' own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest.

A great review from **Publisher's Weekly**: "For this nautical version of *Chariots of Fire*, Brown crafts an evocative, cinematic prose . . . he makes his heroes' struggles as fascinating as the best Olympic sagas."

For more information:

<http://www.danieljamesbrown.com/books/the-boys-in-the-boat/#.VikwtH6rSM8>