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# 24 Electronic Products Per Household -- Got Recycling?



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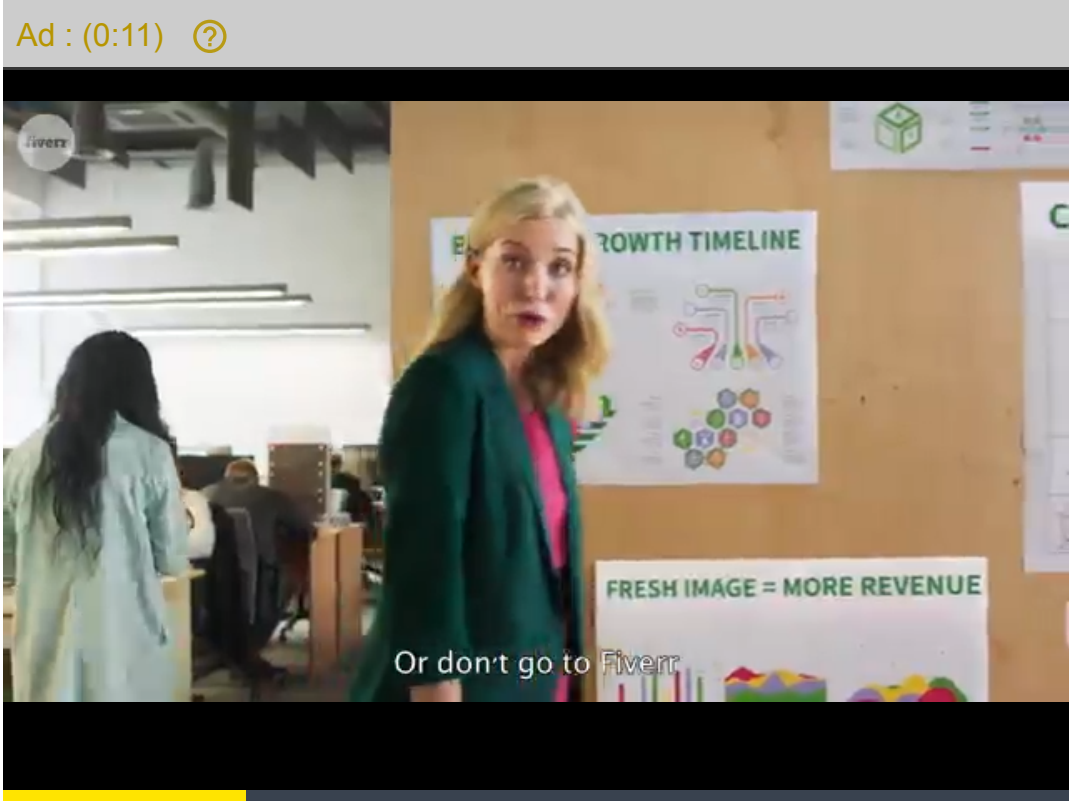
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According to the Consumer Electronics Association (the producers of the famous Consumer Electronics Show aka CES), Americans own approximately 24 electronic products per household.



With the holiday gift splurge now complete, that electronics number probably increased. Your waste stream in your home or office increased as well. 2.4 million tons of electronic waste hit US landfills each year, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Of that 2.4 million tons of e-waste, we threw away or recycled **142,000 computers and over 416,000 mobile devices every day!**



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buy new gadgets and throw away their old ones, James Kao, Green Citizen's chief executive officer, wants to make recycling easier for consumers and small business owners. He expects his company to see a 30 percent rise ( approximately 700,000 pounds ) in waste from November to February. The holiday period results in more e-waste says Barbara Kyle of the Electronic TakeBack Coalition, a recycling advocacy group (hat tip to SFGate.com, linked below).

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## Keep Electronics Out Of Landfills

As a small business, Green Citizen serves other small businesses. As both the collector and monitor that ensures waste doesn't end up in dumps, Mr. Kao's company works only with certified recycling companies that can prove material isn't shipped overseas or put in landfills.

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GreenCitizen's mission is to develop a metropolitan sustainable model that provides the most convenient, accountable, responsible BuyBack, reuse, and recycling of electronics for individuals and businesses. GreenCitizen provides the following services to the San Francisco Bay Area:

- Asset Recovery, confidential hard-disk destruction, and recycling pick-up for businesses
- BuyBack at our Eco-Centers for all late model Apple iPhones, iPads, MacBook, MacBook Pro, and MacBook Air laptops, and Mac Pro desktops
- Free electronics recycling drop-off at our four Eco-Centers in San Francisco, Berkeley, Burlingame, and Mountain View

In addition to this one company profiled, you can find area recyclers in your part of the country by visiting some of the sites below.

The CEA electronic product count data, per household, is from 2008. How many devices would you estimate are in each home today? Put your guess in the comments and I'll report back when I hear if there is an updated number from the CEA or EPA.

**Read more:**

**E-waste recycling becomes techie's mission** at SFGate.com

**EPA e-cycling stats**

Find a place to recycle your cell phone or batteries with **Call2Recycle**.

The **eCycling Center** lets you search nationwide for drop-off locations, for all sorts of materials and products.

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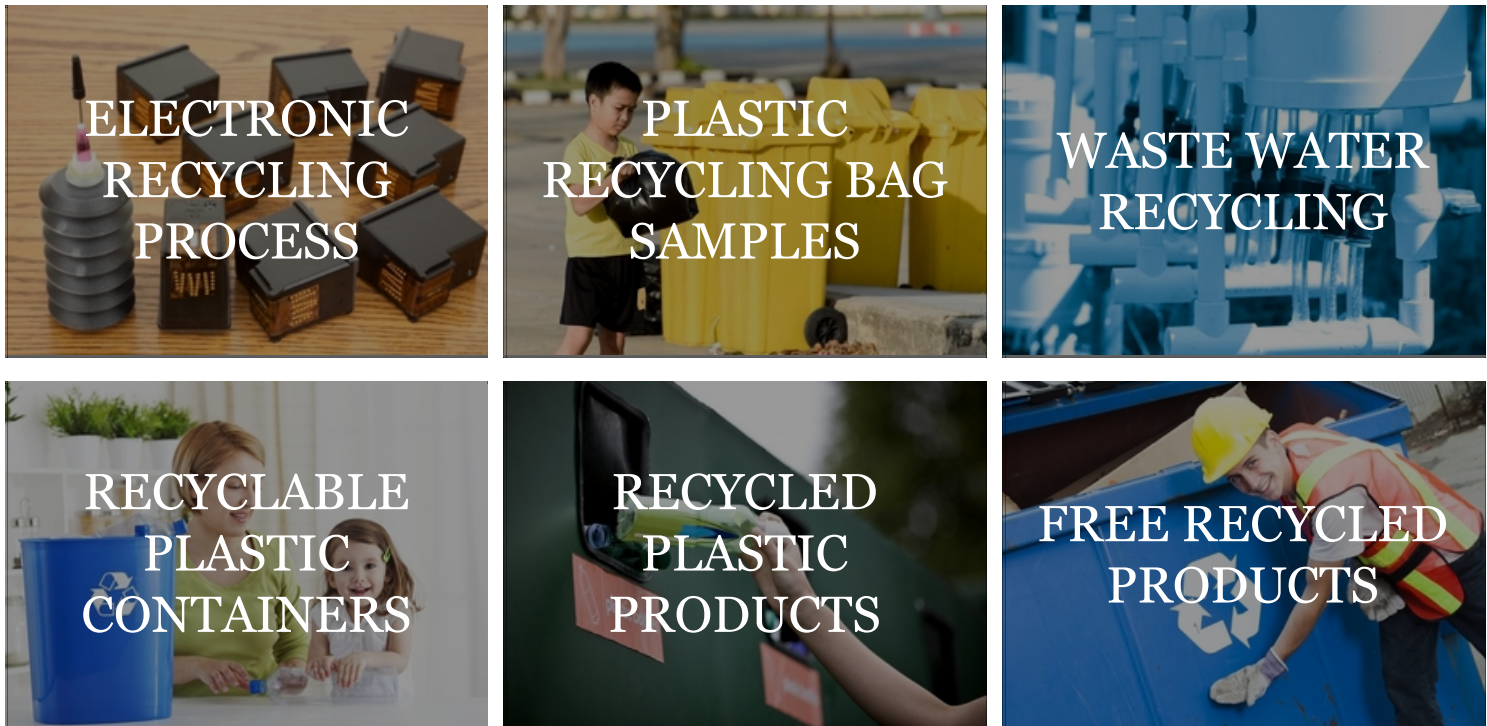
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