1. How to dispose your old computer?
2. Backup your data – Check if your old equipment data is backed up before getting rid of it. Things like old pictures, games, music, files, etc., could be still store in there.
3. Wipe your hard drive – Each operating system has its hard-reset button. Make sure to leave empty the computer for safety reasons.
4. Donate or Resell - You might be able to pass it on to your kids or friends' kids, but there are organizations that supply working laptops to at-risk students and families, including human-IT, the World Computer Exchange, Computers with Causes, and Digitunity.
5. Recycling
6. Electronics recyclers in or near Seattle

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| e-Cycle Washington logo[3R Technology](https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back/electronics/detail.aspx?ID=309) 206-582-7100 | 8002 S 208th St Kent, WA | Mon-Fri 8am-4pm | Audio Video and Camera equipment, Cell Phones and Smart Devices, Computers, Copiers, Fax Machines, Gaming Devices, Laptops, Monitors, Peripherals, TVs, Tablets, Printers |
| e-Cycle Washington logo[3R Technology - Partner Site](https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back/electronics/detail.aspx?ID=804) 206-582-7100 | 16904 Juanita Dr NE Kenmore, WA | Mon-Fri: 8am - 5pm Sat: 9am - 3pm Call first to confirm | Audio Video and Camera equipment, Cell Phones and Smart Devices, Copiers, Fax Machines, Gaming Devices, Laptops, Monitors, Peripherals, Printers, Tablets, Computers |
| e-Cycle Washington logo[Busby Junk Removal LLC](https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back/electronics/detail.aspx?ID=584) 877-404-5865 | Pick-up service only Pick-up service only | Mon-Sun: 9am - 5pm | Cell Phones and Smart Devices, Computers, Copiers, Fax Machines, Gaming Devices, Laptops, Monitors, Peripherals, Printers, TVs, Tablets, Audio Video and Camera equipment |
| e-Cycle Washington logo[Electronics Recyclers International](https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back/electronics/detail.aspx?ID=793) 800-374-3473 | 3901 150th Ave Court E Suite 200 Sumner, WA | Mon-Fri: 8am-2:30pm | Cell Phones and Smart Devices, Computers, Copiers, Fax Machines, Gaming Devices, Laptops, Monitors, Peripherals, Printers, TVs, Tablets, Audio Video and Camera equipment |
| e-Cycle Washington logo[Friendly Earth](https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back/electronics/detail.aspx?ID=742) 206-367-4111 | 1560 1st Ave S Seattle, WA | Mon-Fri: 9am - 5pm | Cell Phones and Smart Devices, Computers, Copiers, Fax Machines, Laptops, Monitors, Peripherals, Printers, TVs, Tablets, Audio Video and Camera equipment |
| e-Cycle Washington logo[InterConnection](https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back/electronics/detail.aspx?ID=163) 206-633-1517 | 1121 N 35th St. Seattle, WA | Mon - Fri: 10am - 3pm | Cell Phones and Smart Devices, Computers, Copiers, Fax Machines, Gaming Devices, Laptops, Monitors, Peripherals, TVs, Tablets, Printers |
| e-Cycle Washington logo[PC Recycle and Repair - Woodinville](https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back/electronics/detail.aspx?ID=686) 425 881-4444 | 5817 238th St SE Suite 4 Woodinville, WA | Mon-Fri: 8am - 4pm, Sat 10am - 2pm | Cell Phones and Smart Devices, Computers, Copiers, Fax Machines, Gaming Devices, Laptops, Monitors, Peripherals, Printers, TVs, Tablets, Audio Video and Camera equipment |
| e-Cycle Washington logo[RE-PC Recycled Computers and Peripherals](https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back/electronics/detail.aspx?ID=15) 206-623-9151 | 1565 6th Ave. S Seattle, WA | Mon-Sat: 10am - 7pm | Audio Video and Camera equipment, Cell Phones and Smart Devices, Computers, Copiers, Fax Machines, Gaming Devices, Laptops, Peripherals, Printers, TVs, Tablets, Monitors |
| e-Cycle Washington logo[RE-PC Recycled Computers and Peripherals](https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back/electronics/detail.aspx?ID=23) 206-575-8737 | 600 Andover Park E Tukwila, WA | Mon-Sat: 10am - 7pm | Audio Video and Camera equipment, Cell Phones and Smart Devices, Computers, Copiers, Fax Machines, Gaming Devices, Laptops, Monitors, Peripherals, TVs, Tablets, Printers |

*\*Information taken from* [*https://kingcounty.gov/*](https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back/electronics.aspx)

1. Should you remove hard drive from computer before recycling?
2. Erasing a computer hard drive before recycling will help to prevent your data from being stolen. Destroying the data will guarantee that it is safe.
3. How can I destroy a hard drive?
4. A hard drive can also be destroyed by using unconventional methods, such as setting it on fire, cutting it up with a saw, or magnetizing it. A simple scratch on the hard drive disk along with a few blows with a hammer should fix the problem!