



# Where Can I Recycle My Old Cell Phone?



Here are some options:

1. Most cell phone manufactures, service providers and retailers have recycling programs where you can drop-off or mail in your phone. [Click here for options in Chicago.](#)
2. For recycling opportunities near you visit:
  - [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org), or 1-800-CLEANUP, to find collection sites and events using your ZIP code.
  - [www.mygreenelectronics.com](http://www.mygreenelectronics.com) to find recyclers near you, listed by the Consumer Electronics Association
  - [www.eiae.org](http://www.eiae.org) – The Electronic Industries Alliance for recyclers in your state
  - [www.rbrc.org](http://www.rbrc.org) has collection sites for cell phones and rechargeable batteries.
3. Contact your local city, municipality, or solid waste district to see if they will be sponsoring any collection events.
  - City of Chicago residents can visit [www.bluecartschicago.org](http://www.bluecartschicago.org), or dial 311, for information on the city's computer and household hazardous waste collection center, one-day events
4. When purchasing a new phone, ask if the retailer/manufacture about recycling. You might be surprised what they offer.
5. Most programs recycle cell phones, PDAs and accessories regardless of age or model and it's free.

Recycling just a million cell phones reduces greenhouse gas emissions equal to taking 1,368 cars off the road for a year.

For information on:  
Electronic waste visit:  
[www.epa.gov/plugin](http://www.epa.gov/plugin)  
For information on  
recycling cell phones  
visit:  
[www.epa.gov/cellphone](http://www.epa.gov/cellphone)

What else can be recycled?

- TV, VCRs, DVD players
- Computers, Monitors, printers
- Cell phones, cameras, and rechargeable batteries
- Many other devices and supplies, just ask the recycler