

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

SUPPORT PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

Less waste, greener, safer stuff!

Want products that are designed for continual reuse and recycling, and made with **fewer harmful chemicals**? How about **more recycling** that's convenient and free to use?

Then you want **product stewardship**, which requires manufacturers to provide responsible, free, convenient recycling of their products.

Why Product Stewardship?

- ♻️ Trashing used products and packaging wastes valuable materials that can and should be recycled.
- ♻️ Waste pollutes our air, water, and land, and contributes to landfills and incinerators that release harmful chemicals into the environment.
- ♻️ Throwing our trash "away" fails to encourage manufacturers to make products more recyclable and less toxic.

Maine's Product Stewardship programs create incentives for producers to design products that are less wasteful, more recyclable, and contain fewer toxic chemicals that can harm you and your family. They allow us to share responsibility with product manufacturers for establishing and funding recycling programs for our most toxic and problematic products and packaging.



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Maine's Product Stewardship programs

offer **FIVE THINGS** you can do today to help protect Maine's air, land, water, wildlife, and people from toxic chemicals; save taxpayer dollars; and encourage sustainable products.



Earn \$5.00 when you bring your old thermostat to one of more than 100 retail locations for recycling. Most towns also have waste collection sites where you can drop off your thermostat. You can also mail it back to the manufacturer for free.



Recycle your used fluorescent light bulbs for free at more than a hundred retail locations and at many town waste collection sites.



Recycle your electronic waste (e-waste) for little or no cost at more than 300 municipal waste collection sites. Most towns accept televisions, portable DVD players, game consoles, computer monitors, laptops, printers, digital picture frames, computers, and some other electronics. Best Buy, Goodwill and Staples stores will also recycle certain electronics for free.



Recycle old cell phones and rechargeable batteries for free at any cell phone retail location, including more than 300 Call2Recycle drop-off points around the state, or town waste collection sites.



Earn 5 to 15¢ per item when you recycle your redeemable beverage containers at a bottle redemption facility near you.

For more information,
www.nrcm.org/productstewardship.asp