

Electronics

Computers/General Equipment/Appliances

- ♦ Look for durable and repairable equipment.
- ♦ Consider renting or leasing equipment instead of buying it outright. This includes computers and appliances that are only used for a short period of time.
- ♦ Repair used equipment and appliances to increase their useful life.
- ♦ Consider length and coverage of warranties and service contracts when selecting products.
- ♦ Buy used or refurbished equipment rather than buying new
- ♦ Upgrade portions of a system instead of the entire computer and buy products that can be partially upgraded.
- ♦ Donate unwanted appliances and computers to local nonprofit organizations if they are still in good, working condition.
- ♦ Check with local scrap metal dealers and Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division to see if non-working appliances are accepted.
- ♦ Visit www.EPEAT.net to compare the environmental attributes of various computer systems.

Printers

- ♦ Purchase remanufactured fax, ink jet, and toner cartridges.
- ♦ Refill laser cartridges and re-ink typewriter ribbons when possible.
- ♦ Recycle old toner cartridges. Return spent toner cartridges to the supplier or a local business that collects them for recycling. To start your own cartridge-recycling program, visit www.recyclefirst.com, www.tonerbuyer.com, or www.inkw.biz.
- ♦ Buy printers/copy machines that can make double-sided copies (existing machines can be adapted).

Recycling/Reuse

- ♦ Donate cell phones on behalf of the Advocacy Center at Verizon or the United Way office.
- ♦ Electronics such as computers, computer peripherals, answering machines, electric typewriters, medical equipment, TVs, VCRs, stereos, fax machines, copiers, phone systems and pagers can be recycled through the Recycling and Solid Waste Center (RSWC).
 - Businesses must set-up appointments at TCSW by calling 273-6632
 - Computers must be recycled using NYS c7 scrap metal exemption; otherwise it is considered a hazardous waste

