

## Reducing Electronic Waste in Ontario

In October of 2020, the Ontario Government introduced new regulations that require producers and sellers of electronic devices to collect and manage the full lifecycle of the products. This includes cell phones, computers, printers, gaming equipment, etc.

The regulation was activated in January of 2021.

They hope that the regulation will:

- encourage the reuse and the updating of old devices
- reduce the amount of waste produced by electronics through more effective recycling
- create opportunities for innovative recycling and reuse solutions



The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Jeff Yurek confirmed that electronics are becoming a big challenge to the waste system. He went on to say that we need solutions to eliminate electronic devices from our landfills.

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