



2011 Changes In SC Law – concerning E-WASTE

E-waste is any discarded covered electronic device. The covered devices include desktop and notebook computers, computer monitors, printers and televisions, radios and microwave ovens. Governor Sanford signed into law House Bill 4093,¹ which states that consumers must not knowingly place or discard a covered device in any waste stream that is to be disposed of in a solid waste landfill effective July 1, 2011.



Pickens County Landfill has already started separating e-waste.

HENCE STARTING JANUARY 1, 2011 THE CITY OF EASLEY WILL NO LONGER PICK UP ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT or “E-WASTE”. All of these items can be taken to any of Pickens County’s Recycling Centers (Old Liberty Rd (Landfill), Farr’s Bridge Rd (Hwy 183), and North Old Pendleton Rd).

“In his remarks during the signing ceremony, Governor Sanford praised the legislation and gave credit to the authors of the new law:

‘This is a commonsense way to promote more recycling and reuse of electronic devices, and to discourage the disposal of environmentally harmful materials in our landfills. I’d give credit to Senator Paul Campbell and Representatives Jeff Duncan and David Hiott for their work and advocacy on that front.’

The new law, which will be implemented by the South Carolina Dept. of Health and Environmental Control mandates that manufacturers who are doing business within the state provide free recycling and recovery program for computers, laptops, TV sets, and CRT monitors.

Electronic waste has been a cause for concern in many states, owing to the rapid turnover rate of these devices as emerging technology renders old units obsolete in a few months’ or years’ time. As a result, landfills are inundated with tons of electronic scrap which are far more valuable recycled than land filled.”²

References:

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2. <http://www.pacebutler.com/blog/e-waste-recycling-law-south-carolina/>

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