



*Update courtesy BFI Canada*

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, BC Recycling is expanding the list of prohibited materials not allowed in the landfill to include more electronics and electrical products.

Phase I of this initiative, in August 2007, included computers, monitors, printers and periphery and televisions. Phase II, effective July 1, 2010 will now include:

- Personal or portable audio and video playback / recording Systems
- Home audio and video playback / recording systems
- Home theatre in a box (HTB) systems
- Vehicle audio and video systems
- Non-cellular telephones and answering machines
- Mobile devices
- Fluorescent light bulbs and lamps sold for residential use
- Thermostats
- Batteries for use in products listed, including primary and rechargeable batteries

If your service provider finds these items in your co-op's garbage bin, they may refuse to provide service as they will be subject to a surcharge at the landfill.

The electronics industry in Canada, including the members of the Electronics Stewardship Association of British Columbia (ESABC), have developed initiatives to reduce the impact of electronics on the environment. Efforts focus on five key areas of improvement: chemical management; energy efficiency; materials management; design for recycling; and product expandability.

For more information on how to safely handle electronic waste and a complete list of banned materials please refer to the links below.

<http://www.esabc.ca/cfm/index.cfm>

<http://www.encorp.ca/electronics/>

<http://www.encorp.ca/electronics/largevolume>