

ESCRAP *it's easy!*

... it's available at your transfer station

"E-Scrap, the easy solution"

E-scrap is discarded, surplus, obsolete, or broken electrical or electronic devices.

Do you have some e-scrap stored away?

Are you wondering what to do with it?

The Timaru District Council is pleased to announce an excellent, economical, effective, and easy solution for your e-scrap.



ESCRAP it's easy ! means...

... you can dispose of your unwanted electronic goods and batteries safely, easily and in a way that benefits our environment. Just bring your e-scrap to your local transfer station and, in most cases, it can be dropped off free of charge. This service will be available whenever the transfer stations are open.

What is ESCRAP ?

E-Scrap is virtually anything with a cord attached, and includes:

- TVs
- Laptop and desktop computers
- Ipods
- Separate hard drives such as those used in DVD recorders
- Monitors and screens
- Cordless telephones
- Recharging plugs
- Cellphones
- Batteries (both nicad and NiMH, hearing aid batteries).
- "AA" type dry cell batteries not accepted

Also accepted at the E-scrap drop-off points are appliances, including:

- Toasters
- Jugs
- Heaters
- Dehumidifiers and air conditioning units.

Commercial quantities and very large items e.g. photocopiers will not be accepted.

Where can you take your ESCRAP ?

You can bring your e-scrap to the Redruth Eco-Centre where a drop-off point is clearly marked and Crow's Nest staff are available to assist you. You will need to speak to staff to confirm your items will be accepted. Later, the service will be extended to Geraldine, Temuka and Pleasant Point transfer stations. See the Council website for transfer station opening hours.

Will there be a charge for ESCRAP ?

In most cases, items can be dropped off at no charge, however, there are several items that cannot be taken free of charge. These include Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) television sets and CRT monitors, because CRT equipment is high in lead content and is costly to process. The charge is minimal though at \$6 per item for these two items.

Why do I need to separate ESCRAP from my normal waste stream?

E-Scrap contains recoverable resources such as precious metals, low grade metals and plastic components. These can only be extracted on a commercial basis in large volumes. This project supports the collection of large volumes of material to make resource recovery efficient.

E-scrap cannot be placed in the council's yellow recycling bin or it will be treated as contamination and sent to landfill. Disposal in the red bin also means it is sent to the landfill.

Why ESCRAP it's easy?

The e-scrap initiative is a collaboration between Canterbury councils which jointly fund waste minimisation projects.

The initiative was developed to meet demand from the community and extends what was a one-day-per-year disposal option called E-Day to a service that is open on a continuing basis.

Rapid changes in technology, low initial cost, and planned obsolescence have resulted in a fast-growing surplus of electronic waste around the globe. Informal processing and dumping of electronic waste can cause health and pollution problems. Some electronic scrap components, such as CRTs, contain contaminants such as lead, cadmium, beryllium and mercury.

Where will the ESCRAP be processed?

The Canterbury Waste Joint Committee has chosen E-scrap Recycling Ltd, a division of a Christchurch scrap metal processing company Metalcorp Ltd, to process materials locally in Christchurch. This is due to their strict adherence to national and international requirements for environmental compliance.

Like to know more about ESCRAP ?

- View E-scrap Recycling's website www.escraprecycling.co.nz
- Phone the Timaru District Council on (03) 687 7200
- View the Timaru District Council's website www.timaru.govt.nz
- Pick up a brochure from Council service centres.
- Contact Timaru Metal Recyclers for commercial quantities.

