

Correct disposal and Recycling

EU Directive WEEE

The WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) is the regulation applicable to the collection of electrical and electronic equipment and the management of related waste, according to EU Directive 2012/19/EU (recast). The main objective of this directive is to avoid waste from old electrical and electronic equipment and to promote the reuse, recycling and other forms of recovering such waste in order to reduce the amount of waste as well as saving natural resources and the environment.

The directive is transposed into national law in all EU member states. Since the national regulations came into force, all manufacturers and importers of electronic equipment in the EU member states have been obliged to take back certain products and to ensure that they are processed, reused or recycled. All manufacturers, importers and initial distributors of electrical and electronic equipment are obliged to be registered on a national level.

All electrical and electronic equipment circulated since the relevant regulations came into force have to be clearly recognizable by labeling the equipment with a symbol showing a crossed-out waste bin.



This marking on the product or documentation indicates that the product should not be disposed of with household waste.

[Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment \(WEEE\) \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/waste-from-electrical-and-electronic-equipment)

Rest of the world

Thanks to the WEEE Directive, the EU and the countries of the European Union are considered pioneers in the collection and recycling of old electrical equipment. However similar proposals are currently being developed or have already been implemented across the world.

We support these countries in applying the experiences gained in the European environment in cooperation with other manufacturers to meet the needs of consumers and the requirements of collection and recycling.

Disposal of waste batteries and accumulators

Waste batteries and accumulators (together: "Waste Batteries") must not be disposed of in general household waste. Consumers as end-users are under a statutory duty to return Waste Batteries.

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