

No Export / No Landfill Policy

At Gazelle we enforce a strict policy with regard to end of life, electronic equipment, “e-scrap” processed at our; or one of our downstream, outsourced facilities. This policy ensures that all reasonable efforts will be made to control all electronic scrap and manage its disposal as hazardous scrap and therefore prevent them from entering solid waste landfills or incinerators, including waste-to-energy incinerators. In order to remain consistent with decisions of the international Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, Gazelle’s recycling partners will not allow the export of hazardous e-waste they handle or control to be exported from developed to developing countries, either directly or through intermediaries, throughout final disposition.

In addition to this policy, any and all data containing devices (such as usb drives, hard drives, tape, flash cards or any other type of data storage media) from any consumer electronic devices are wiped clean to be free of any personal or non-personal data prior to the item being reused, resold or recycled. Any and all data containing media devices that cannot be erased must be destroyed and recycled accordingly.

Responsible Recycling Practices



Gazelle is a proud supporter of the EPA’s “Responsible Recycling (R2) Practices” for use in their Accredited Certification Programs. The Responsible Recycling (R2) Practices (for Use in their Accredited Certification Programs) is a set of guidelines for accredited certification programs to assess electronics recyclers’ environmental, worker health and safety, and security practices. Since January 2006, EPA has facilitated a multi-stakeholder group to develop this document. The voluntary R2 practices include general principles and specific practices for recyclers disassembling or reclaiming used electronics equipment including those electronics that are exported for refurbishment and recycling. The practices are set forth below.

- Develop and use a management system that covers environmental, worker safety and public health practices on-site and downstream management of end-of-life (EOL) equipment and materials;
- Establish a policy that promotes reuse and materials recovery for EOL equipment and materials;
- Comply with environmental, health, and safety legal requirements, both domestically and internationally, that are applicable to the recyclers' operations;
- Use practices to reduce exposures and emissions during recycling operations;
- Export (or arrange for the export of) focus materials only to foreign countries that accept them.
- Focus materials are: cathode ray tubes (CRTs) and CRT glass; circuit boards (unless they have had batteries and mercury-containing items removed and are lead free); batteries; and items containing mercury and/or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), both in EOL equipment and when separated as components;
- Send EOL equipment and all material derived from this equipment, that contain focus materials only to facilities that are properly licensed to receive these materials, and use technology designed to safely and effectively manage these materials - whether in the U.S. or another country;
- Ensure that an electronics recycler does not use energy recovery, incineration, or land disposal as a management strategy for focus materials or equipment and components containing focus materials. However, if circumstances beyond the control of the R2 recycler disrupt its normal management of a focus material, it may consider these technologies to the extent allowed under applicable law;
- Exercise due diligence in ensuring that downstream recyclers and processors manage recycled materials appropriately, throughout the downstream recycling chain;
- Ensure that materials going for reuse are refurbished and tested for functionality, and residual focus materials are managed responsibly;
- Ensure that personal data on EOL electronics going to reuse or recycling are cleared or destroyed; and

- Track throughput and keep records; store and transport material securely and safely; and possess insurance, closure plans, and financial mechanisms to cover the potential risks of the facility.

(DATA PROVIDED BY THE EPA) - <http://www.epa.gov/waste/conserva/materials/ecycling/r2practices.htm>

Always Reduce, Reuse & Recycle when possible

When consumer electronics are replaced by the latest and greatest version, many older models can be cleansed free of old data and restored back to their original factory settings. For Gazelle, providing a valuable service of making 2nd and 3rd generation product available to those who prefer to reduce their appetite for the latest product has been very rewarding. When electronics equipment has reached its true "end of life" and no longer has any residual value, the equipment must be properly recycled properly. To Gazelle, properly is defined as being processed here in the US, where electronics are separated into commodities, then into raw material, prior to being sold then exported; where these components can be reintroduced back into the manufacturing stream. We only work with recycling partners who ensure that all exports of scrap electronics comply with all city, state and federal legal requirements.

We pride ourselves on our beliefs and our secure methods of recycling. Whether devices are in whole unit form or have been dis-assembled, all electronic equipment deemed to be recycled which are physically received through our normal operation are proudly processed through one of our National e-Waste Alliance Partners.



All of Gazelle's National e-Waste Alliance Partners are members of the BAN e-Stewardship program.

Information on BAN (Basel Action Network) and their e-Steward program can be found on their website: <http://www.ban.org> & <http://www.e-stewards.org/>