



*Do You Make Retail Sales of
Televisions, Computer Monitors,
Laptop Computers, or
Other Video Display Devices?*

**You Must Collect Electronic Waste
Recycling Fees Starting January 1**

If you make retail sales (including leases) of new or refurbished televisions, computer monitors, laptop computers or other video display devices covered by a new state law, you must collect a new electronic waste recycling fee beginning January 1, 2005 (Senate Bill 50, Stats. 2004, ch. 863).

You must collect the recycling fee whether you sell or lease from a store, by mail order, or over the Internet. Penalties for not collecting the fee can be as high as \$5,000 per sale or lease.

If you are required to collect the fee, you must register with our agency. After you register, we will send you fee returns every quarter. Your first return and fee payment are due by April 30, 2005.

Revenue from the fee will be used to help safely recycle video display devices, which contain hazardous materials.

Covered devices and fee amounts

The fee currently applies to cathode ray tubes (CRTs) and devices that contain them—including televisions and computer monitors. It also applies to laptop computers and to computer monitors with flat panel and liquid
over

crystal displays. Only products with display screens that measure *more than 4"* diagonally are subject to the fee. These are called "covered electronic devices," or CEDs.

The fee does not apply to video display devices that are

- Part of a motor vehicle.
- Part of, or contained within, a piece of industrial, commercial, or medical equipment.
- Contained within certain appliances. Examples include refrigerators, clothes washers, and microwave ovens.

The new law requires manufacturers to inform you which devices are subject to the fee. But you must collect the fee on covered electronic devices even if the manufacturer does not contact you. New products may be added after testing by the state Department of Toxic Substances Control.

The fee amount varies from \$6 - \$10, based on the size of the display. The amount of the fee is *not* subject to sales or use tax. You may keep three percent of the fee to cover your collection costs.

For an application and more information

For an application form and information on the new fee and fee rates, or general information on covered electronic devices, see our website: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/ewaste.htm.

For answers to questions about the new fee or to have us mail you a printed copy of the application, please call our Information Center: 800-400-7115 (TDD/TTY: 800-735-2929). Staff can help you M-F, 8-5, except state holidays.

For more detailed information on covered electronic devices, call the Department of Toxic Substances Control at 916-327-4499 or see their website: www.dtsc.ca.gov.