
ELECTRONIC HARDWARE RECYCLING

Q: What is the JHSPH Electronic Hardware Recycling Program?

A: The JHSPH Hardware Recycling Program is a program established to ensure that JHSPH computer hardware and data storage devices are secured in an environmentally safe manner while also accounting for the destruction of any restricted data that may exist on the systems.

Q: Who qualifies for this program?

A: JHSPH faculty and staff who are issued university property are eligible to participate in this Hardware Recycling Program.

Q: Can I bring personal items from home to recycle?

A: No, this Hardware Recycling Program is limited to University issued equipment. Personal items can be taken to your county and/or city recycling centers.

Q: Can JHSPH students participate in this program?

A: Students who have been issued University equipment can participate. Personal items can be taken to your county and/or city recycling centers.

Q: Will this program be available to faculty and staff outside of JHSPH?

A: JHSPH is the first site identified under the enterprise contract. Other sites within the Hopkins community could be established as part of this program.

Q: Will I be charged for each item that I recycle?

A: No, the Hardware Recycling Program is funded centrally by the school.

Q: How is the restricted data on my computer destroyed?

A: A proprietary software is used to inventory each asset, complete the data destruction to DoD 5220.22-M compliance. Items cannot be read by this software are degaussed.

Q: Does this data destruction process meet the requirements for research-based data use agreements?

A: Compliance with DoD 5220.22-M should be sufficient for most data use agreements. However, it is the responsibility of those individuals submitting items into the Hardware Recycling Program to ensure that they are in compliance with their individual data use agreements.

Q: How do we know that the items we submit will not go to a landfill?

A: JHSPH has contracted with a vendor that provides a closed loop system with complete downstream audit ability, and stringent health, safety, and environmental policies.

Q: How are items recycled?

A: E-Waste is processed mechanically then sorted mechanically without the use of high heat, dangerous chemicals, or the generation of toxic waste.

Q: Can I purchase my machine for personal use instead of recycling it?

A: As a general rule, no. Doing so would require your department to charge sales tax and remit payment to the state.

Q: What type of items can be recycled?

A: All computer related hardware and storage devices can be received through this program. Examples: Personal Computer Systems, Monitors, Printers, Servers, laptops, UPS, Switches, Hubs, PDAs, Fax Machines, AV Equipment, and Externals (CDRom, Tape, Disk Drives, etc).