

# All about WEEE...

## WEEE - a major problem



### Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

WEEE is the fastest growing waste stream in the UK, growing by at least 5% each year

We dispose of over 1.2 million tonnes of electrical and electronic waste every year in the UK from the public alone.

Each and every year, this is the equivalent of:

150,000 double decker buses

OR

164 Eiffel Towers

OR

200,000 African elephants

OR

444,444 4x4 vehicles



The amount of electrical waste created by members of the public in the UK would fill the new Wembley Stadium 6 times over every year!

The average UK citizen will discard 3.3 tonnes of WEEE in a life time – equal to one double decker bus for each and every family.

2 million TV sets alone are discarded every year.

Electronic waste is increasing 3 times faster than average municipal waste and the EU estimates that WEEE currently accounts for 4% of total waste.

Much of the UK's electronic waste ends up in landfill sites, where toxins put communities at risk. Failure to segregate any type of recyclable material in the home will usually result in items being disposed of in a landfill site (buried in the ground in the UK) or being incinerated.

It has been estimated that landfill space in the UK will run out within the next 10 years. Recycling WEEE will bring significant benefits to our environment.

Where WEEE is not recycled, this waste can have negative impacts on soil, air and water quality which can lead to environmental damage, and have negative impacts on human and animal health.

**Find out how to minimise your effect on the environment by visiting [www.recycle-more.co.uk](http://www.recycle-more.co.uk).**

**Locate your nearest recycling facilities for electronic waste with the [recycle-more.co.uk](http://www.recycle-more.co.uk) bank locator, which includes an easy to use interactive mapping system.**

**You will also find advice and tips on how to recycle waste electrical goods and other household items, making it quick and easy for everyone to [recycle-more](http://www.recycle-more.co.uk)!**