

Collection Events under the E-Cycle Washington Program

Frequently Asked Questions

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This FAQ document is provided as a companion piece to the policy and guidelines established by the Washington Materials Management & Financing Authority for collection events that accept CEPs. See [WMMFA Collection Events Policy and Guidelines](#).

Definitions:

WMMFA – the Washington Materials Management & Financing Authority

Ecology – the Washington State Department of Ecology

CEPs – Covered electronic products (TVs, desktop computers, laptop computers and monitors)

Q. What is a "WMMFA sponsored collection event"? Can our city get a "WMMFA sponsored event" and not have to pay for it with our funds?

A. A WMMFA sponsored event is one that the WMMFA sets up in order to provide coverage in areas where the WMMFA has been unable to set up permanent, staffed collection sites. The WMMFA will only sponsor events that collect CEPs (no other recyclable materials will be collected) unless there is incentive to coordinate with an event sponsored by another entity where additional recyclable products are being collected.

The WMMFA has a legal obligation to provide at least one collection site for all CEPs within each city or town of 10,000 people. The WMMFA has chosen to establish permanent, staffed collection sites in all communities to meet its collection obligations under the law. On average each of the WMMFA's 200+ collection sites are capable of receiving a minimum of six CEPs per open hour. This equates to 35 trailer loads per collection site, per year.

Q. If my local government is holding collection events where CEPs are collected, will the WMMFA pay for the collection, transportation and processing as part of the E-Cycle Washington program?

A. No. However, if CEPs are collected **free of charge** from covered entities, the WMMFA is notified in advance and the CEPs are delivered to a WMMFA-approved processor, the WMMFA will cover the costs of **processing**. The WMMFA will **not** pay for the collection or transportation costs – those costs will be the responsibility of the event sponsor.

Q. Does the WMMFA assign a processor to take the CEPs from a local government sponsored event? When do they do this? Do I need to have my transporter take all the CEPs to this processor?

A. For a local government sponsored event, the local government will need to call the WMMFA in advance for instructions on which processor to deliver to. As a reminder, the event must be conducted under the requirements of the E-Cycle Washington program. If the event is not conducted under these requirements, the choice of processor and payment for processing services are the responsibility of the city.

Q. What is the procedure for getting the processing costs covered - do I call the WMMFA?

A. If you will be accepting CEPs free of charge from covered entities, call the WMMFA prior to the event and advise them. After the event, call the WMMFA and provide them with the pounds of CEPs that were collected for free and the registered processor that received the CEPs. Payments will be arranged directly with the processor. There will be no negotiations or transactions between any event sponsor and the WMMFA unless the event is initiated and sponsored by the WMMFA.

Q. What if the compensation for processing doesn't cover my costs to collect and recycle CEPs?

A. It is not intended to. The intent of the E-Cycle Washington program is to establish the permanent, staffed collection sites as the everyday means for collecting and recycling CEPs.

Q. How will a local government cover the collection and transportation costs if we can't charge a fee?

A. The local government would have to cover the remaining cost through their own means, without charging a fee for the collection of CEPs.

Q. Does the local government sponsoring the event need to register with Ecology to be part of the E-Cycle Washington program?

A. No, only the vendors that provide the transportation, collection, and processing services must be registered with the Department of Ecology as participants in the E-Cycle Washington program.

Q. If the vendor collects the CEPs at the event AND transports them to the authorized processor, does the vendor have to register for both categories?

A. Yes, the vendor must register with Ecology as both a collector and a transporter.

Q. If we hire a contractor to manage the collection events and they hire subcontractors to do the collection and transporting, do all of them need to be registered?

A. All contractors and subcontractors that are doing the actual collection and transporting need to be registered in the appropriate category.

Q. How does one register with Ecology to be part of the E-Cycle Washington program?

A. Go to the registration link at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/eproductrecycle/instructions.html> and follow the instructions for registration.