

HARRISBURG -- The Department of Environmental Protection is advising consumers and businesses of new rules for recycling electronic devices that will take effect on Jan. 24, 2013.

"Proper recycling is important because there are millions and millions of devices; they have a limited useful life span; and they contain heavy metals such as lead, cadmium and mercury as well as other materials that do not belong in the normal trash stream," DEP Secretary Mike Krancer said.

Many devices also contain valuable metals such as gold, silver and platinum and base metals like copper, iron and aluminum that can be separated and reused in new products.

"We can all do our part to contribute to a healthier and cleaner environment by ensuring that these electronic devices are properly recycled and not placed in the trash," Krancer added.

Consumers can find more information on registered manufacturers and where to recycle covered devices at www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword: Electronics Recycling.

DEP's Recycling Hotline is 1-800-346-4242.