

STANISLAUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION



Industry-Sponsored Electronic Equipment Recovery Resources

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There are a growing number of programs sponsored by members of the electronic industry and related organizations that can help plan for and manage electronic products at the end of their useful life. If you know of a program that is not included on this list, please contact us (see the bottom of this page for contact information).

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Are you planning to buy a new computer for your home or business? As part of your purchase, make sure you ask about options for managing your "old" computer(s). Companies are establishing programs to help you reuse or recycle old computers and other electronics as part of the process of buying or leasing new models. You may be able to trade in your old computer for credit towards a new one or receive a tax deduction for donating your old computer. Below you can find information on some of the industry-coordinated programs.

- **Dell**, <http://www.dell.com/content/topics> offers users ways [to donate, trade in, or recycle](#) unwanted equipment.
- **Epson**, <http://www.epson.com> offers [a program](#) that enables Epson customers to send back used Epson products for recycling.
- **Hewlett-Packard**, <http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/globalcitizenship/environment/recycle/index.html> has [a service](#) that gives consumers and businesses a convenient way to recycle unwanted computer equipment.
- **Gateway**, <http://www.gateway.com/index.shtml> offers qualified buyers a [rebate](#) of up to \$50 when they purchase a new PC and donate or recycle their old PC.
- **IBM**, offers a [product-recycling program](#) designed for individual PC owners and small businesses. Contact IBM sales at (877) 999-7115 (option 4) for more information.
- **Office Depot** and **Hewlett Packard** have partnered to provide free electronic equipment recycling through Labor Day, September 6, 2004. One item per customer per day can be dropped off at any Office Depot store in the continental U.S. Visit www.officedepot.com for more details and to find a store near you.
- **E-recycle.org** lets you to search a database for many electronic products to find a recycler. Visit <http://www.erecycle.org/search.asp> for more details.

The [Electronic Industries Alliance](#), in cooperation with contributing manufacturers Canon, Hewlett Packard, JVC, Kodak, Nokia, Panasonic, Philips Electronics, Sharp, Sony, and Thomson, has initiated an innovative electronics collection and recycling pilot project.

Energy Act of 2005

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President Bush signed the Energy Act of 2005, (the Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act, or USTCA), in August 2005. The UST portion of the Energy Act is intended to improve compliance regulations in order to prevent leaks and spills. Owners and operators of USTs will be subject to new inspection, training and delivery requirements under these new regulations.

Among the USTCA's provisions are the following:

- Requires the EPA publish guidelines specifying training requirements for persons having overall management and those having the day-to-day responsibility for the operation and maintenance of USTs. It will also address individual responsibility with regards to emergencies caused by releases or spills.
- Prohibits delivery to, deposit into, or acceptance of a regulated substance into a UST at a facility that has been identified as ineligible for fuel delivery or deposit.
- Requires that states mandate secondary containment of all new UST systems within 1,000 feet of any existing community water system or any existing potable drinking water well or require certification or licensure of UST installers and evidence of financial responsibility for manufacturers of tanks and/or piping and installers of UST systems.
- Prohibits use of MTBE in motor vehicle fuel no later than December 31, 2014.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 is available at www.blr.com/keyword>. Type in **em650energy** when prompted.

Most Commonly Noted Violations

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Business Plan/Hazardous Materials Storage

1. Failure to submit initial or updated Business Plan with Hazardous Materials Disclosure Information Statement, emergency response/contingency plan and site map.
2. Lack of adequate employee training program for hazardous materials and emergency response plan.
3. Failure to provide annual refresher training.
4. Lack of/incomplete hazardous waste labels on storage containers.
5. Storage beyond allowable accumulation times.

Hazardous Waste

1. Improper disposal of hazardous waste, such as florescent tubes, brake grindings and dust) to dumpster.
2. Failure to provide 3 years of hazardous waste disposal manifests or milk run receipts.

Underground Storage Tank

1. Expired permit to operate.
2. Failure to submit updated tank and facility forms, financial responsibility certification forms
3. Failure to submit annual tank monitoring/piping tests.
4. Failure to keep the previous 12 months Designated Operator inspection sheets.

Attention UST Owners and Operators

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Currently we will NOT accept monitoring system certifications or test results of UST work performed by service technicians who do not possess a current ICC California UST Service Technician Certificate. For additional information on the California UST Service Technician requirements, please visit the State Water Resources Control Board web site at www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/training/new_trng_reqmts.html

UST Recertification

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Attention owners of lined USTs. **TIME IS RUNNING OUT.**

California code of Regulations, Section 2663, requires that after the initial lining certification, which was good for a 10-year period, you must have your USTs recertified. This recertification is good only for a 5-year period. If you had your UST lined in 1998 to comply with the law, your tanks MUST be recertified BEFORE the 10-year expiration date. For example, if your tanks were certified on July 1, 1998, they must be recertified BEFORE July 1, 2008 or you will be in violation of the law. If you fail to recertify, your facility will be red-tagged, and you may be subject to legal action by the District Attorney's Office.

Do not wait until the last second to begin looking for a company to certify your USTs. The process will take many days to complete. The UST must be empty of fuel and made safe for the inspector to enter and begin the testing process. Your facility may be closed for quite some time. Estimates are that it normally will take 2 to 3 days per tank if there are no problems.

Many of the companies that did UST certifications in 1998 are out of business. Our office is in the process of trying to locate any businesses that still perform this. There are not many, and they may have their schedules booked for months in advance. Find your Lining Certificate in your records and try contacting the company who certified your tanks. You will probably discover they are no longer in business.

To date, our research has come up with the following Lining Inspection/Recertification companies:

Tank Liners
PO Box 5217
Beverton, OR 97006-0217
503-648-7212

Diversified Tank Service
PO Box 12035
Glendale, AZ 85318
888-344-4528

HMT
Benecia, CA
707-747-0444

Ulrich Industrial Coatings
PO Box 772
Hillsboro, OR 97123
800-648-9587

NW Tank Lining & Inspection
PO Box 61847
Vancouver, WA 98666

Remember, the responsibility is yours. Your tanks MUST be recertified prior to their expiration date. There will be no extensions given. If you are under contract, but the work cannot be completed prior to the expiration date, you will be in violation of the law.

Disclaimer: This list was compiled from a short internet search and is not exhaustive. It is not intended for use as a resource for business to comply with the new Universal Waste Rule. The County of Stanislaus does not endorse any particular company.

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