CELL PHONES

GENERAL INFORMATION

There are more than 500 million used cell phones in the U.S. sitting in people's drawers or worse, in our landfills, and another 130 million will be added this year alone!

Don't Trash Your Cell Phone -- Recycle It! Help us keep toxic metals out of the waste stream and the environment by recycling your old cell phones.

WASTE CHARACTERIZATION

Cell phones are considered an electronic waste and contain toxic metals that can pollute the environment and threaten human health. When recycled responsibly, the metals can be put back into circulation, decreasing the need for new metal mining.

HANDLING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

- Government cell phones must go back to the person or Supply Support Activity (SSA) who issued it.
- The Army Recycle Center does not accept electronic waste, including cell phones for recycle. They can be recycled through several local electronic waste recyclers. Contact the DPW-Environmental Solid Waste Program (656-9911) for more information.
- Qualified recyclers are able to either refurbish and reuse the phones or dismantle and recycle them appropriately.
- There are no security or privacy concerns as long as your phone has been deactivated, reset to factory settings or the SIM card has been removed. When the phones are refurbished, they are completely cleared and reprogrammed.

For more info contact: DPW Environmental Solid Waste Program at 656-5411