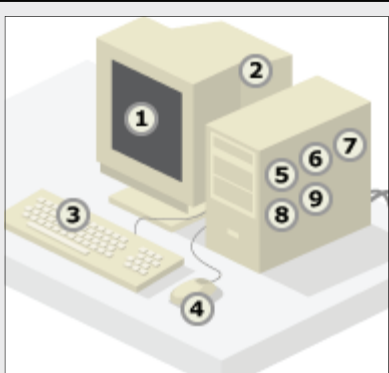


FAST FACTS ABOUT COMPUTERS

- Between 1998 to 1999, computers in Canadian homes increased from 1.9 million units - an increase of 16%.
- In 2005, an estimated of 3.15 million PCs and servers and 3.2 million computer monitors became obsolete in Canada!
- Obsolete/unused computers, in most cases, have 'useful life' left and can be reused. It is estimated that between 40-50% of discarded/unused computers get stored in basements and warehouses. What a waste of a valuable resource! Many underprivileged families in our community are in dire need of a computer to help improve their lives, but unfortunately cannot afford one!
- A typical PC weighs 60 lbs or 27 kg containing: Glass - 25%, Ferrous metal - 20%, Aluminum - 14%, Copper - 7%, Lead - 6%, Zinc - 2% and Precious metals - 3% (% are by weight).



- 1: Lead** in cathode ray tube and solder
- 2: Arsenic** in older cathode ray tubes
- 3: Selenium** in circuit boards as power supply rectifier
- 4: Polybrominated flame retardants** in plastic casings, cables and circuit boards
- 5: Antimony trioxide** as flame retardant
- 6: Cadmium** in circuit boards and semiconductors
- 7: Chromium** in steel as corrosion protection
- 8: Cobalt** in steel for structure and magnetivity
- 9: Mercury** in switches and housing

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Would you like to donate
your used equipment to **Share-IT**?

A CEA staff member will be pleased to help you with your donation. Please call us at 905-463-9941.

Your donation of a used computer can open up a new world for an underprivileged family.



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Do you have a used computer, printer or cell phone that you no longer use? You can now donate your used equipments to help the under-privileged and the environment!

Share-IT: Computers for Community

The Program

An initiative to collect used computers and IT equipments (printers, scanners, cell phones) for distribution of refurbished units to the underprivileged and low income families; unusable equipments are recycled in an environmentally safe way.

The Share -IT Mission:

- To reduce e-waste generation through community-based reuse and recycling.
- To provide disadvantaged children and less-privileged families with access to computers and IT skills.
- To bridge the digital divide between the rich and the poor.
- To raise public awareness of e-waste and its potentially hazardous impact.

What is Electronic Waste or e-waste?

Electronic or electrical products — ranging from computers, televisions and stereos to small appliances, such as irons and cellular phones — become known as “e-waste” when they become obsolete or are disposed off.



- **Reduce:** Consider repairing/upgrading your computer to suit your need instead of buying a new one.
- **Reuse:** Consider donating computers and equipments in working condition to the Share-IT: CFC. Someone in need will benefit from your donation!
- **Recycle:** Drop off non-reusable equipments at one of the municipal recycling centres.

What are the Hazards of e-waste?

Computers and electronic gadgets are safe to use but pose a threat when thrown in trash or disposed of in a landfill. This is because these equipments commonly contain toxic materials e.g. lead, mercury, arsenic and cadmium. When disposed of in landfill the toxins pose the risk of leaching in the soil and contaminating the ground water and food chain; thereby posing a threat to human health and the environment.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A typical CRT computer monitor contains between 0.7—2.7 kg of lead depending on the monitor size and year of manufacture.
- Printed circuit boards hold chromium, cadmium, mercury and lead.
- The batteries found in electronic and electrical devices may contain lead, mercury and cadmium.

How YOU can help...

Who is Eligible to Receive Computers and Equipments from Share-IT:CFC?

- Low income families and new immigrants in need
- Seniors on marginal income
- Students in need
- Persons with special needs
- Qualified start-up ventures
- Non-profit/community-based agencies

Qualified candidates must meet additional eligibility requirements. Call us to get details.

I want to Donate a Used Computer...

We accept the following used equipments for the Share-IT: CFC program.

- Computers/ Laptops (motherboard intact)
- Monitors (\geq 17 inches in working conditions)
- Printers (in working conditions with power cord, adapter and used cartridge)
- Cell phones (any make/model; broken/working)
- Keyboard, mouse, power cords and adapters
- Hard Disks, CD Drives and floppy drives



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