



As electronics and electrical items have become essential to the lives of most Western Australians, e-waste has become one of the fastest-growing waste streams in Australia.

On 1 July 2024, in support of the [Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030](#), the Government of Western Australia's e-waste to landfill ban came into force across the state.

The [Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery \(e-waste\) Regulations 2024](#) (the Regulations) prohibit the disposal of regulated e-waste to landfill by e-waste service providers, significant entities (business or public), and landfill operators. Definitions of these terms are provided below.

Households are not obligated under the ban; however, they are encouraged to take regulated e-waste to drop-off points (which can be found via [Recycle Right](#)) and not to dispose of e-waste in kerbside bins.

This fact sheet is to be read in conjunction with [the Regulations](#) which set out the full responsibilities for significant entities and e-waste service providers. [Fact sheets](#) with further information for significant entities and e-waste service providers are available on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the Department) website.

A **significant entity** means a business entity or a public entity, that in relation to any financial year –

- (a) has 200¹ or more full-time equivalent employees at the beginning of the financial year; or
- (b) created, during the immediately preceding financial year, five or more tonnes of regulated e-waste.

An **e-waste service provider** means a person who conducts a business or undertaking that includes the collection or receipt of regulated e-waste for storage, management, aggregation, treatment, processing, sorting, recycling, transfer or disposal.

What is regulated e-waste?

Regulated e-waste means the e-waste categories described in Schedule 1 of the Regulations. Categories and items include but are not limited to:

- screens, information technology and telecommunications equipment
- lighting and lamps (e.g. tube fluorescent lamps, LED products, household ceiling or desk light globes)
- large appliances used in home, office or professional environment (e.g. dishwasher, washing machines and dryers, ovens, rangehoods, large dispensers such as ticket vending machines)
- batteries – all batteries, unless the battery is part of a device and the device is not designed to enable the removal of the battery by a user
- temperature exchange equipment (e.g. air conditioners and white goods such as freezers)
- medical devices (large) that would not, because of their shape or size, fit into a container measuring 50 cm x 50 cm x 50 cm.

Please see Schedule 1 of the Regulations for the full list.

The initial phase of the ban does not include solar panels/photovoltaics, small household appliances like toasters, children's toys, electric toothbrushes or e-cigarettes (also known as vapes).

¹ Australian Bureau of Statistics classifies large businesses, with employment of 200 or more full-time equivalent employees.

Recording and retention of data for e-waste service providers under the Regulations

Recordkeeping and annual reporting requirements under r.11 apply to e-waste service providers required to hold a licence as defined in s.3(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) if the premises are used for the purposes of storing, treating or processing regulated e-waste.

Compliance and enforcement of the ban

The Department expects businesses and public entities to comply with the ban.

The Department will take action in accordance with its [Compliance and enforcement policy](#) and the EP Act where there is evidence of activity that may cause harm to the environment or human health.

Further information

A [series of fact sheets](#) has been developed to provide further information for significant entities and e-waste service providers. Topics covered include the responsibilities of service providers and significant entities, reporting requirements and how to estimate the weight of e-waste.

Where can I get more support?

If you need further information about data reporting requirements under the Regulations, please contact the Waste Data team: waste.data@dwer.wa.gov.au.

If you have questions about other aspects of the Regulations, email: ewaste@dwer.wa.gov.au

Website: [E-waste to landfill ban in WA](#)

