Recycling Toner/Inkjet Print Cartridges

Inkjet Cartridges

There are several companies out there that will buy your inkjet cartridges from you or offer to recycle your cartridges free of charge. See below for companies you can contact to request

Toner Cartridges

Most companies, such as Hewlett Packard, include a return shipping ticket with the purchase of a new toner cartridge. They will recycle the used cartridge for you at no cost. Look out for the ticket in your toner box, or call the company you purchased the cartridge to request one.

Why recycle ink or reduce ink usage?

- Cartridges are made from plastic, and it takes 80% less energy to make plastic from recycled plastic.
- If you recycle cartridges, they don't end up in your landfill (or worse, your burnbox smokestream).
- The dyes and pigments that make up the inks take resources, and their manufacture can create a number of pollutants.

Tips on printing/copying

Can you reduce your inkjet/toner usage?

- Do you have to print a hard copy?
- Can you send the information electronically instead?
- If you are not printing a final draft of something, can you change the settings on your computer to print 'draft' or 'low' quality? This is especially important if you are printing a lot of photos or dark graphics which use up more ink.

If you're running low on ink **and your printouts/copies are coming out light, sometimes you can get a little more life out of your cartridges if you remove them from your printer/copier,** gently shake them, **and then return them to the printer/copier.**

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Download Ecofont

Ecofont software prints fonts with holes to save ink toner and reduce printing costs. You can download a free trial version on the internet.

For more information go to www.ecofont.com

Where you can recycle your cartridges

Hewlett Packard

Hewlett Packard offers HP inkjet and laserjet cartridge recycling free of charge. To request return mailing materials with free pre-paid labels:

- See their website and follow the instructions for requesting shipping materials http://www8.hp.com/us/en/hp-information/environment/product-recycling.html
- or call HP at 1-800-340-2445 and let them know what you would like to recycle. They will then send you shipping materials with free pre-paid labels to send the cartridges back to them

Companies in Alaska that accept toner/inkjet cartridges

Give them a call!

In Juneau

BEP Company
Juneau
789-2230
www.bepcompany.com
Toner Cartridge Remanufacturing

In Anchorage

The following resources are from Green Star's Toner Cartridge Recycling webpage
http://www.greenstarinc.org/old/enews/pastissues.php#Anchor-Toner-49425
Visit Green Star at www.greenstarinc.org for great information about recycling and more!

Best Buy

1200 N. Muldoon Rd. Ste. G   or   800 E. Dimond Blvd. Ste. 100
677-5099   344-4409
Accepts all types of cartridges. Drop off box available at store entry.

Cartridge Connection

1409 W. 33rd Ave

563-9326

www.cartridgeconnectionalaska.com

Accepts used cartridges of any brand and type (fax, copy, printer etc.), no minimum quantities, free pick-up and delivery in Anchorage, sells reconditioned cartridges (typically 20-60% savings over new cartridges).

Corporate Express/Staples

4831 Old Seward Highway

786-5100

Will pick up used cartridges on call or when making supply deliveries. Free drop-off available. Accepts all types of cartridges. Sells refurbished cartridges in its store.

Northern Office Supply

8160 Greenwood St

(800) 478-6201

Must have an account, will pick up used cartridges, call for specific types and brands accepted, no minimum quantities, offers some refurbished cartridges.

Office Depot

201 E. 6th Ave

277-7470

Earn in-store-credit by bringing in your old cartridges to be recycled. $2 per cartridge for up to 10 cartridges per month.

Outside Alaska

There are tons of organizations that pay for printer cartridges and supply you with pre-paid shipping labels. Here are a few:

Cartridges for Kids is a recycling program that pays schools and non-profit organizations CA$H for empty laser and inkjet cartridges. They also offer pre-paid shipping labels. Go to their website http://www.cartridgesforkids.com/ for more information.

Planet Green helps you raise funds while helping the environment. Recycling empty printer cartridges and old cell phones **reduces landfill** and **raises money** for your cause! http://www.planetgreenrecycle.com/index.php

InkGuides.com is a great resource that lists more companies that buy all kinds of cartridges for different entities such as non-profits, homes, and businesses. http://www.inkguides.com/ink-toner-cartridge-recycling.asp#what-cartridges-are-accepted