

## **WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment)**

From 1st July 2007, all retailers of electrical goods must comply with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) legislation. This is a scheme to prevent all such waste being disposed of in general landfill sites and to promote recycling of components and materials.

The legislation aims to minimise the impact of electrical and electronic equipment on the environment by creating products with recycling in mind and encouraging reuse, recycling, and recovery of WEEE.

Many electrical items can be repaired or recycled, saving natural resources and the environment. If you do not recycle, electrical equipment will end up in landfill where hazardous substances will leak out and cause soil and water contamination – harming wildlife and also human health.

To remind you that old electrical equipment can be recycled, it is now marked with a crossed-out wheeled in symbol. Please do not throw away electrical equipment (including those with the crossed out wheeled bin symbol) in your bin.

**How do I know what product is “WEEE”?** The definition of a WEEE product is one whose primary function is dependant on electrical currents to carry out the main function, e.g. a toaster.

However, some product, such as a child’s soft toy with an electric circuit, is not classed as WEEE as its primary function is a toy.

**WEEE” In-Store Take- back Scheme** A take back service operates at Economy Radiators store, whether you purchase in-store or online. When you purchase a new electrical item from Economy Radiators you can exchange an old similar item (e.g. a radiator for a radiator).

In order to do this, you must take your new purchase receipt to store in order to prove that the old item you are bringing back has a new similar purchase to link to. You have 28 days from date of purchase to bring back the old item to your local Economy Radiator store. You may also take the item(s) to your local authority Civic Amenity Site if this is more convenient.