

# Seattle Public Utilities Procedure

<b>Subject:</b> Curbside Electronics Recycling Rates		<b>Number:</b> SPU-DR-02-09
<b>Responsibility:</b> Rates and Financial Planning, Finance		<b>Effective:</b> March 30, 2009
<b>Approved:</b> /s/ Ray Hoffman, Acting Director	<b>Date:</b> 1/22/09	<b>Supersedes:</b> N/A

## 1. PURPOSE

This procedure/rule sets the rate and conditions for curbside electronics recycling pickup.

## 2. SCOPE

This procedure/rule applies to all Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) ratepayers requesting curbside electronics recycling pickup.

## 3. AUTHORITY

Ordinance 122844, which revises rates and charges for solid waste services. The ordinance authorizes the Director of SPU to adopt rules for the appropriate charges per pickup and the maximum number and size of items to be collected.

## 4. DEFINITIONS

Pickup: collection of items from the curb for disposal or recycling.

## 5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SPU Rates/Finance will revise this rate as appropriate through Ordinance or by revision to this rule.

## 6. FORMS / REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Administrative Rule SPU-DR-02-09 (attached)

## **Administrative Rule # SPU-DR-02-09**

### **Curbside Electronics Recycling**

#### **Text of Final Rule:**

#### **1.0 Introduction**

Seattle Ordinance #122844 revises rates and charges for solid waste services. This ordinance states that residential curbside-electronics-recycling-pickup service will be available starting March 30, 2009. The program will be available to occupants of both single and multi-family residences, but multi-family customers will need to schedule pickups with approval by the applicable solid waste account owner or designee.

The ordinance authorizes the Director of Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) to adopt rules for the appropriate charges per pickup and the maximum number and size of items to be collected.

#### **2.0 Criteria for Determining Charges and Conditions of Curbside Electronics Recycling Pickup**

The criteria used by SPU for determining the charges and conditions for pickup include:

- Charges must fully cover program costs, including contractor payments and processing, customer service and administrative costs
- Charges must take into account a partial, per pound reimbursement by the Washington Materials Management and Finance Authority
- Charges must provide an incentive for customers to use the program
- Conditions for set-outs must be simple and easy for customers to understand
- The number of items covered must allow for common bundles of electronics to be set out for one fee (for example, a computer monitor, CPU and peripherals)

#### **3.0 Charges and Conditions of Curbside Electronics Recycling Pickup**

The charge is \$20 for each pickup of up to three electronic products set out at the curb. Customers will call SPU customer service to request this service and schedule the pickup. Each pickup of up to three products may not exceed 2ftx2ftx2ft or 60 lbs.

#### **4.0 Effective Date of Rule:** The effective date for this rule is March 30, 2009. The charges and conditions may be modified periodically through Ordinance or by revision to this rule.