

## Maine E-waste Recycling Program

January 2010 Summary

**2004** - 38 MRSA §1610 *Electronic Waste*, Maine's extended producer responsibility (EPR) "E-Waste Law" enacted.

- Scope of products – televisions & computer monitors
- Covered sectors – household only

**January 18, 2006** – manufacturer responsibility starts

**2009** – Statute amended

- Scope of products expanded to include desktop printers, game consoles and digital picture frames as of 1/1/10
- \$3000 manufacturer annual registration fee begins 7/1/10 to support DEP's program implementation duties.

**January 2010** – DEP report to the Legislature on program performance and comparative costs with other EPR programs – Will be available at:

[www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/publications/legislative-reports/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/publications/legislative-reports/index.htm)

### Recycling rate

2006 – 3.20 pounds per capita

2007 – 3.61 pounds per capita

2008 – 4.06 pounds per capita

2009 – 6.19 pounds per capita during the first 6 months

### Estimated capture rate

43% monitors, 44% TVs

48% monitors, 46% TVs

50% monitors, 51% TVs

This includes just the weight of televisions and computer monitors recycled. Computers (a.k.a. CPUs, the central processing unit) are often picked up and recycled by the consolidators because they have a net positive commodity value, but the weight of computers recycled is not reported because it is outside the scope of manufacturer responsibility in Maine's household e-waste recycling program.

### Maine's Shared Responsibility Model for E-Waste Recycling

