



FACT SHEET

!!Appliances are not accepted at the Collection Center!!

Appliances with CFCs

Hazards

- Appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFC5), a substance that when released, reacts with ozone in the upper atmosphere, reducing this layers protective properties against ultraviolet radiation.

Handling

- Handle in a way that does not damage coils containing refrigerants.
- Under federal law, CFCs must be removed before the appliance can be discarded.

Management Options

- White goods, large appliances including ovens, washing machines and refrigerators, are banned from disposal in Massachusetts. All appliances using CFCs are included in this ban.
- If the appliance is still functioning, call your electric company to see if they have a take-back program for high demand appliances.
- Check the “Massachusetts Material Trader” or the Yellow Pages for freon removal companies and/or scrap metal dealers who accept white goods. Ask for certification that CFCs are removed according to EPA protocol. A list of vendors accepting appliances with CFCs as of December 2000 can be found below. CFCs must also be removed from car air conditioners before they can be scrapped.

For more information, call EPAs Stratospheric Ozone Protection Hotline at (800) 296-1996.

Companies in Massachusetts that may Accept Appliances with CFCs:

Adams - Greylock Ice and Fuel - 413-743-1020
Bridgewater - CRT Recycling - 508-230-8090
Brockton - Brockton Iron and Steel - 508-586-4640
Cambridge - C.J. Mabardy - 617-354-7580
Foxboro - [Interstate Refrigerant Recovery](#) - 508-560-5735
Greenfield - wTe Recycling - 413-772-2200
Lynn - Turner Trucking - 781-595-3741
Millis - Millis Industries - 508-376-8700
New Bedford - AW Martin - 508-992-7828
North Adams - George Apkin & Sons - 413-664-4936
Pittsfield - Energy Answers Corp. - 413-443-7373
Westport - Mid-City Scrap Iron - 508-675-7831
Worcester - CK Appliance Recycling - 800-679-5551

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