

TALKING POINTS WHEN CALLING YOUR LEGISLATOR

- I am calling today to urge Senator or Representative [NAME] to take action to amend The Covered Device Recycling Act (Act 108 of 2010) – also known as CDRA – which pertains to the disposal of certain electronic devices.
- While well-intended, implementation of the law has been challenging. One result of those challenges is that we are seeing more and more televisions and old computer monitors being illegally dumped.
- Illegal dumping of electronics is becoming a real problem in Pennsylvania. There are direct environmental and public health impacts when electronic devices are dumped in our streams and along our roadways because many of these products contain heavy metals such as lead, cadmium and mercury, as well as other potentially harmful materials.
- If not properly managed or contained, these materials can become hazardous waste, contaminating our soil and ground water.
- Other challenges with implementation of Act 108 have been explained by DEP in their [Report to the General Assembly Covered Device Recycling Act 2014](#).
- Some significant issues need to be addressed in order to make CDRA successful:
 - There is still no dependable statewide collection and processing infrastructure to ensure local governments, collectors and recyclers can operate and provide recycling services on a continuing basis.
 - Televisions and computer monitors containing cathode ray tubes (CRTs) are especially problematic due to leaded glass content, a lack of low-cost recycling technology, and a limited number of CRT processors.
 - The cost for processing and recycling CRTs has increased.
 - Many municipalities have discontinued their electronics recycling programs, and many retailers and second-hand stores have stopped accepting televisions.
- We urge you to work to address this crisis and Amend Act 108 to ensure that every Pennsylvania resident has access to convenient, affordable trash disposal and recycling.