#### What is WEEE?

The Waste Electrical or Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive requires countries to maximise separate collection and environmentally friendly processing of these items.

# Recycling your old electricals is easy!

Recycle your electrical and electronic devices free at your local recycling centre. To find your nearest centre, visit the <u>Recycle More</u> website and type in your postcode.

### Why recycle?

Unwanted electrical equipment is the UK's fastest growing type of waste.

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.

We're proud to support your local authority in providing local recycling facilities for electrical equipment.

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

# Resell, Reuse or Recycle

Current legislation requires the UK to collect and treat 65% of the weight of all the electrical and electronic equipment placed on the market in the past three years and 45% of the average annual amount of portable batteries placed on the market – that's a lot! And we all have a role to play in doing the right thing to help meet these targets.

If you have old electrical and electronic items and/or batteries sitting in cupboards, drawers, your attic or your garage – don't throw them in the bin!

Think about passing them on to family or friends, reselling them or giving them to a reuse organisation. If they can't be reused or resold, taking them to a local recycling centre can help protect the environment and preserve our natural resources.

Just as we sort our plastic bottles and tins from paper and compostables, we need to separate our unwanted electrical and electronic items for responsible recycling and take them to a local recycling centre.

The best thing to do is to take any unwanted electrical and electronic items you have on your next trip to the recycling centre, perhaps when you take garden or other waste, rather than making a separate journey. It's better for the environment and less hassle for you.

Some of the components used to make electrical and electronic items can be hazardous and harmful to the environment, while others can be recycled and reused. Some are even precious and contain gold, silver or palladium.

Your role is to do the right thing with your unwanted product. That means resell, reuse or recycle – but never waste.

Any unwanted items with this symbol on should be taken to a recycling centre near you:



# How are we helping?

In the UK, distributors including retailers must provide a system which allows all customers buying new electrical equipment the opportunity to recycle their old items free of charge. As a responsible Distributor, we have met the requirements placed on us by financially supporting the national network of WEEE recycling centres established by local authorities. This is achieved through membership of the national Distributor Take-back scheme (DTS).

To find more information on WEEE recycling and to locate your nearest recycling centre please visit the <u>Recycle More</u> website.