

Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE), the Environment and You, the Customer

Historically, significant amounts of WEEE have been sent to landfill sites, taking up valuable space and possibly leaving behind environmentally damaging toxic substances. The European Union (EU) has introduced the WEEE Directive requiring all producers of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) to finance the recovery and recycling of such equipment that is sold to consumers.

European Union

WEEE Directive and YOU, the Consumer

Each of us has a responsibility for the disposal of electrical and electronic waste in an environmentally friendly manner. This waste may contain hazardous materials that pose a threat to our environment and our health. Such waste must be properly sorted, decontaminated and disassembled.

WEEE must not be placed in a household bin. In the EU, the free collection and recycling of old EEE is designed to ensure that this waste is sent for re-use or recycling

Free Take Back for Consumers – EU. (May vary slightly from country to country.)

Consumers can recycle their old WEEE, free of charge, in the following ways:

To a Retailer

- EU Retailers are required to take back waste electrical goods and electronic equipment from their customers free of charge.
- Take back is on a one-for-one basis only and the appliance being returned must be of a similar type or have performed the same function as the new item purchased. For example, retailers are not obliged to accept a fridge where the consumer has purchased a toaster.
- Where goods are bought over the counter, retailers must take back the old product in-store either at the time of sale or within a maximum of 15 days of the date of sale, provided the consumer can provide proof of purchase.

To an Etailer

- If you bought on the internet, please contact the website concerned. If purchased from www.futiro.com, please contact info@futiro.com to make arrangements.

To a Local Authority

- Each local authority must accept household WEEE free of charge at its civic amenity facilities from members of the public.

How is the recycling system financed?

Producer Recycling Fund. As a supplier of Category 3 EEE (i.e. IT Equipment), Futiro contributes to a Producer Recycling Fund. Unlike most other Categories of EEE, Category 3 products do not have a visible Environmental Management Cost (EMC) associated with them (and quoted as part of the price to the end-user). In the case of Category 3, the recycling costs are allocated to Futiro based on its share of the total sales of these products.

Packaging Recycling

RoHS Directive

The EU's RoHS Directive refers to "the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment". This Directive bans the placing on the EU market of certain hazardous substances. Futiro products are certified that they comply with this directive.

Recyclable Materials



This symbol, called the Mobius loop, is found on Futiro's cardboard packaging and indicates that it is recyclable. You are earnestly requested to ensure that Futiro's packaging is processed through your local recycling facilities.