

Fascinating facts about e-waste



As a nation, we generate 1.45 million tonnes of e-waste a year.

We throw away 2 million TVs every year.



There's enough gold in 50 mobile phones to make one gold wedding ring.

In the UK, that's 21kg of e-waste for each person, each year - the average weight of a 7-year-old boy!



Most people upgrade their TV every seven years.

Only 5-15% of mobile phones are recycled.

The average household in the UK spends about £800 on new electrical and electronic goods every year.

It takes 530 lbs of fossil fuels, 48 lbs of chemicals and 1.5 tons of water to make one computer and monitor.

Most people upgrade their laptops every 3 years.



2.5-10% of electronics are reused by others.

23% of recycled household electricals could have been reused.



If we recycled the 527 million unwanted electrical items hiding in UK homes, this would save as much CO2 as taking 1.3 million cars off the road.

