

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT RECYCLING YOUR USED ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

## **Why We Are Involved**

Recycling facilities are now available for all UK customers at which they can deposit their used electrical and electronic products. Recycling them is a requirement under UK and European legislation (The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment—or WEEE—Directive). The aim of the legislation is to:

1. Make good use of the materials contained in used electrical and electronic equipment by recycling it rather than disposing of it in landfill or incinerating it.
2. Prevent the negative environmental effects of sending often hazardous electrical and electronic equipment to landfill.

As a conscientious business, Flashmaster LLC has chosen to group together with other distributors of electrical and electronics products in joining the 'Distributor Take Back Scheme' (described more fully below). Through this scheme, Flashmaster LLC has paid toward the provision of recycling facilities for its UK customers.

## **How This Works In Practice**

UK customers will be able to take any no-longer-wanted electrical and electronic equipment to participating civic amenity sites (often known as 'household waste recycling centres') run by their local councils. Please remember that this equipment will be further handled during the recycling process, so please be considerate when depositing your equipment.

Funding collected through the Distributor Take Back Scheme has been distributed among all Local Authorities in the UK to ensure the provision of improved recycling facilities. Producers of these products will then ensure that deposited items are taken away and recycled.

## **Where to Dispose of Electrical Equipment**

Electrical waste should not be disposed of with your household waste.

You can locate your closest participating collection site at [www.recycle-more.co.uk](http://www.recycle-more.co.uk) (please remember to have your postcode to hand).

## **The Crossed-Out Wheeled Bin**



To remind consumers to recycle, all new electrical products, including the FlashMaster®, are marked with a crossed-out wheeled bin symbol. (See above.)

## **Where to Find the Locations of Recycling Location Points Near You and Other Advice and Information About Recycling**

Please help minimize the effect we have on the environment by recycling your waste electrical and electronic goods. For advice on all aspects of recycling, including recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment, please visit [www.recycle-more.co.uk](http://www.recycle-more.co.uk) where you can find out the locations of collection points near you.

### **Why It Is Important to Recycle Electronic Waste**

Much of the UK's electronic waste ends up in landfill sites, where toxins put communities at risk. Indeed, electrical and electronic waste is one of the fastest growing waste streams—UK households dispose of over 1.2 million tonnes of it every year—and much of it can be recycled; moreover, resources recovered from it can be used to make new goods. Failure to segregate for recycling any type of recyclable material in the home will usually result in the material being disposed of in a landfill site (buried in the ground in the UK) or being incinerated. To ensure that your waste electronics don't contribute to damaging the environment, please use the [www.recycle-more.co.uk](http://www.recycle-more.co.uk) website and recycle from now on.

### **More About the Legal Requirements Relating to Recycling and How Flashmaster LLC Complies with Them**

With effect from July of 2007, the UK's Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations require that all distributors of electrical and electronic equipment pay for it to be recycled when it becomes waste. These regulations also require that all such distributors both actively assist in establishing and maintaining a UK-wide WEEE collection infrastructure and encourage the participation of consumers in recycling electrical and electronic equipment. So that you can get your waste electrical and electronic goods recycled and in order to partially meet its obligations as a distributor as defined in the UK WEEE Regulations, Flashmaster LLC has become a full member of the Distributor Take Back Scheme (DTS) as also defined in those regulations. As a member of the DTS, Flashmaster LLC contributes to a national fund to assist in the development and maintenance of the network of 'Designated Collection Facilities' (DCFs) for WEEE instead of collecting waste items itself. Flashmaster LLC's contribution is used to develop and maintain the WEEE collection facilities located at 'Local Authority Civic Amenity' sites. The resulting development and maintenance of local waste electronics collection facilities allows distributors of the equipment to meet their legal obligations.

Not all such collection sites are suitable for all types of waste electrical goods. But you can locate your nearest appropriate site (including other collection facilities that may not be operated by the council) and obtain advice and other information on all aspects of recycling by going to and using [www.recycle-more.co.uk](http://www.recycle-more.co.uk). Flashmaster LLC urges you to do so.