

eCycling Stats

- Represents a rapidly growing waste stream.
- Technological advances are rapidly rendering formerly cutting-edge electronics obsolete.
- An estimated 20 million personal computers became obsolete in 1998.
- In 2005, more than **63 million** personal computers are projected to be retired according to a recent study by the National Safety Council.
- Most of these are in storage. Of the remainder, the bulk were disposed of; probably fewer than **6 percent** were recycled.
- Currently the useful life of a computer is only 3 to 5 years and shrinking.

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