

## **ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-Waste):**

"E-waste" is a popular, informal name for electronic products nearing the end of their "useful life". E-waste is one of the fastest growing waste streams, with people changing their computer, television and mobile phones more frequently than ever before. E-waste encompasses ever growing range of obsolete electronic devices such as computers, monitors, TVs & display devices, telecommunication devices such as cellular phones & pagers, calculators, audio and video devices, printers, scanners, copiers and fax machines besides refrigerators, air conditioners, washing machines, and microwave ovens, e-waste also covers recording devices such as DVDs, CDs, floppies, tapes, printing cartridges, military electronic waste, automobile catalytic converters, electronic components such as chips, processors, mother boards, printed circuit boards, industrial electronics such as sensors, alarms, sirens, security devices, automobile electronic devices.

Due to the growing dependence on information technologies and electronic products for our comfort, advancement in technologies and changes in fashion, style and status with extensively using computers and electronic equipments and people dumping old electronic goods for new ones, the amount of e-waste generated has been steadily increasing over the years. Electronic waste contains significant quantities of toxic metals and chemicals. If these are left untreated or dump haphazardly, they can cause irreparable loss to land and environment and its adverse impacts on human health and ecology.

To sensitize the public about the harmful effects of e-waste the Nagaland Pollution Control Board (NPCB) has carried out an inventory of E-waste and has also created awareness among the general public in the local dailies.

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