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E-waste is electronic products that are unwanted, not working, and nearing or at the end of their “useful life.” Computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, copiers, and fax machines are everyday electronic products.

The ongoing challenge of how best to dispose of used and unwanted electronics isn't a new one and dates back at least to the 1970s. But a lot has changed since then, particularly the number of electronics being discarded today.

We also have something else today: a term for this issue. After several terms got suggested, including “Digital rubbish,” a consensus formed around the simple word “e-waste.”

List of Common E-waste Items:

Home Appliances

- Microwaves
- Home Entertainment Devices
- Electric cookers
- Heaters
- Fans

Communications and Information Technology Devices

- Cell phones
- Smartphones
- Desktop Computers
- Computer Monitors
- Laptops
- Circuit boards
- Hard Drives

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