



## Responsible<sup>TM</sup> Recycling

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### What is R2?

The R2 Standard provides a common set of best practice processes, safety measures, and documentation requirements for businesses that repair and recycle used electronics. R2 is rigorously and independently audited, emphasizing quality, safety, and transparency. Over 530 facilities are currently R2 certified in 21 countries, with more added every day.

The R2:2013 Standard is the latest version of R2, the electronics recycling industry's leading certification. Each provision of the R2 Standard is designed to help ensure the quality, transparency, and environmental and social responsibility of R2 Certified electronics recycling facilities. When the new 2013 version was put in place, R2 disciplines were considerably improved and standards increased significantly. Therefore, when selecting a partner, it is important that they have been certified with the more stringent 2013 standard

### Why Should I Use an R2 Certified Company?

Choosing the right Electronics Recycler to manage your company's end of life IT assets is a critically important decision. Selecting the wrong electronics recycler can mean exposing your company to data mismanagement, and putting your company at unnecessary legal and financial risk. Contracting with an electronics recycler that is R2:2013 Certified means peace of mind in knowing that your company's IT assets are being managed by a responsible recycler, while achieving the optimal financial return from redundant assets.

According to recent surveys, IT managers at mid- to large-size companies cite data breaches from discarded computers as their number one concern when disposing of IT equipment. Responsible environmental practices, ensuring proper e-waste disposal, and finding the right IT asset disposal support for re-marketing or re-using equipment were other top priorities identified.

The R2:2013 recycling standard addresses all of these areas of concern, so you can be sure that your end of life IT equipment is managed according to the highest industry standards. Every certified R2 recycler has been rigorously audited by an independent third party auditor and is subject to ongoing annual surveillance and spot audits.



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