



E – WASTE MANAGEMENT

DEFINITION :

E-waste management refers to the systematic collection, recycling, and disposal of electronic waste, including discarded electronic devices and components. The goal is to mitigate environmental impact, reduce health hazards, and promote the sustainable handling of electronic waste.



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Why E-Waste Management?



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Pollution of groundwater.

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Acidification of soil.

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Emission of toxic fumes & gases.

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The fastest-growing portion of municipal wastes.

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Releases carcinogenic substances into the air.



ADVANTAGES

- 1 *Resource Recovery:* -Enables the extraction and reuse of valuable resources, such as metals and rare earth elements, from electronic waste, reducing the need for raw materials.
- . *Environmental Conservation:* -Minimizes environmental pollution by preventing the improper disposal of hazardous materials present in electronic devices, safeguarding ecosystems and water
- 2 sources.
- 3 *Energy Conservation:* -Reduces the energy required for manufacturing new electronic products by promoting the reuse of components and materials through recycling and refurbishment.
- . *Job Creation:* -Generates employment opportunities in the e-waste management industry, including collection, recycling, and related activities.
- . *Data Security:* -Ensures secure data destruction, protecting sensitive information from unauthorized
- 4 access during the disposal or recycling of electronic devices.
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DISADVANTAGES

- 1 *Complexity and Cost:* -E-waste management involves intricate processes and can be costly to implement, particularly for advanced recycling technologies and secure data destruction methods.
- 2 *Lack of Infrastructure:* -Many regions lack proper infrastructure for efficient e-waste collection, recycling, and disposal, making it challenging to implement effective waste management systems.
- 3.*Informal Recycling Practices:* -In some cases, informal or unregulated recycling practices may lead to environmental and health hazards, as workers may not have adequate protection or follow proper procedures.
- 4 *Global Trade of E-Waste:* -Illicit international trade of e-waste, often to developing countries with less stringent regulations, poses environmental and health risks due to improper disposal methods.
- 5.*Economic Disincentives:* -The economic value of recycling may not always be sufficient to incentivize proper e-waste management, especially in regions where disposal costs are lower.



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Electronic waste, or e-waste, consists of discarded electronic devices and equipment like computers, smartphones, TVs, and appliances. E-waste contains hazardous materials such as lead, mercury, and cadmium, which can harm both the environment and human health. E-waste management includes:

- a. **Collection**: Organized collection of e-waste from households and businesses.
- b. **Segregation**: Separation of different types of electronic waste to facilitate recycling and proper disposal.
- c. **Recycling**: Recovery of valuable materials from e-waste while safely managing hazardous components.
- d. **Disposal**: Safe disposal of e-waste, especially for items that cannot be recycled, to prevent contamination.
- e. **Awareness and Education**: Educating the public about the proper disposal of e-waste and the importance of recycling electronics.