



A New Neighborhood Horror Story

Dismantled televisions are finding their way into the fair streets of our city. Illegally dumped and stripped down TVs pose a serious threat to families and their children.

Not only do TVs contain broken glass, choking hazards and sharp wires, but they contain many hazardous chemicals that can cause serious injury and illness if directly exposed to or inhaled. Some of these chemicals and their potential effects on our bodies are listed below:

- **Lead** exposure can cause muscle weakness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, and in more extreme cases can damage your kidneys;
- **Mercury** exposure can cause tremors, emotional changes, insomnia, headaches, neuromuscular changes, and in higher exposures, respiratory failure, kidney effects and potentially death;
- **Cadmium** exposure can cause vomiting, damage to lungs and kidneys, and can potentially cause cancer;
- **Arsenic** exposure can cause vomiting, diarrhea, numbness and tingling in extremities, rashes, liver and kidney damage, and in more extreme cases, even death.



These are only 4 of the toxic chemicals that are found in old, abandoned televisions that threaten your wellbeing, and if not disposed of properly will leak into our environment through the soil and groundwater.

You can help to combat these threats to the residents of the City of El Monte and keep these chemicals away from our families by properly disposing of old televisions.

- Dispose of TVs by taking them to the El Monte Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Collection Facility:

City of El Monte Public Works Yard
3990 Arden Drive
El Monte, CA

Hours: First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Your trash hauler will collect your old TV as a bulky item pickup, contact your hauler for more information.
 - Valley Vista Services can be reached at (800) 442-6454
 - American Reclamation can be reached at (323) 245-0125
- Another option, is to donate your old TV, you can call Goodwill Industries at (800) GOODWILL or the Salvation Army at (800) 95-TRUCK for more information.