

Fascinating facts about e-waste



As a nation, we throw away 1.5 million tonnes of electrical equipment every year.

We throw away 2 million TVs every year.



There's enough gold in 50 mobile phones to make one gold wedding ring.

In the UK, we each produce 23.5kg of e-waste a year – that's more than an average seven-year-old boy weighs!



Most people upgrade their TV every seven years.

Less than 5% of mobile phones are recycled.

The average household in the UK spends about £800 on new electrical and electronic goods every year.



Most people upgrade their laptops every 3 years.

It takes 530 lbs of fossil fuels, 48 lbs of chemicals and 1.5 tons of water to make one computer and monitor.



Only 7% of the UK's e-waste is reused as a whole product.

Nearly 25% of electrical equipment that's recycled could have been reused.

Changing how EEE is designed, made, bought and disposed of could reduce the nation's carbon footprint by up to 15%.

