

## **Office Supplies Graveyard**

Stocking up on office/teaching supplies is an expensive job for anyone. You need computers, monitors, cables, lighting, phones, faxes, printers, speakers, calculators and even batteries... the list is endless.

And what do you do with your old equipment once it has been replaced? Just throw it all away right? Wrong! We are all responsible for the correct disposal of our waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE). Any organization producing more than 200kg of WEEE per annum must now comply with the WEEE Directive and Environment Agency Rules.

The WEEE Directive aims to reduce waste production and improve recycling rates. IT and office equipment comprises of 95,000 tonnes in the UK and PC's alone account for 1.5 million units in landfill sites. Now, most people trade in their computers for new models within two years of purchasing them! The number of PC's in landfill sites is rising each year and the hazardous components in all electronic equipment, not just IT items is a major environmental concern for future generations.

Schools, Colleges and Universities in particular are becoming more and more concerned with disposing of existing equipment in a responsible way, and especially to set a good example for their pupils. Such a huge responsibility requires time and effort though that not all of us can afford to give.

"We all want peace of mind but a lack of knowledge surrounding the WEEE Directive means that organisations can often feel confused about dealing with their responsibilities and what choices they have," commented Beverley Percival, Weeeco Managing Director.

Weeeco is a holistic, value for money service of environmental and entrepreneurial solutions. Giving your responsibility to Weeeco means all of your electronic equipment will be recycled to reduce waste (none of it goes in landfill) and end of life problems solved in a not-for-profit manner to benefit the environment.

"Organisations that are especially busy such as Universities and Schools want someone to remove the headache and dispose of their electrical waste for them – everyone is looking for a long-term, easy solution to fulfill their WEEE responsibilities," Beverley added.

Weeeco can assess an organisation's WEEE responsibility using a unique and innovative Desktop WEEE Calculator (devised by Weeeco). The organisation chooses the level of service required and Weeeco collect and process the WEEE. Equally important, Weeeco Ltd will supply certification to show the organisation has been carrying out its duty of care. For further information telephone 0191 423 6232 or email [info@weeeco.com](mailto:info@weeeco.com)