



"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

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MICROWAVE RECYCLING

Microwaves can be recycled with your electronics **or** with your scrap metal.

If you choose to put your microwaves with your scrap metal, **CAPACITORS MUST BE REMOVED.**

Recommended Process to Remove Capacitors:

- Make sure microwave has been unplugged for at least 1 hour;
- Remove outside cover;
- To assure no charge is existing, with an insulated screwdriver, connect capacitor terminals by touching both together at the same time (short) and remove capacitor;
- Mark three (3) sides of the microwave with a large X (inside a circle) using a brightly colored paint (fluorescent orange recommended).

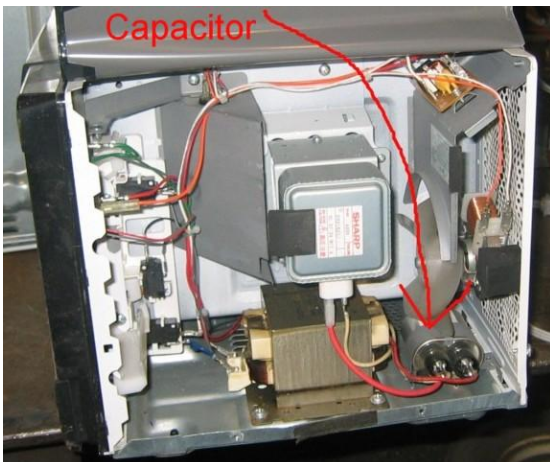
Disposal of Capacitors:

- If capacitors are marked **NO PCBs** + they can be disposed of in the MSW or with your scrap metal.
- If capacitors are **not** marked **NO PCBs** + they are considered hazardous waste (could contain beryllia) and need to be placed in a marked bucket. These can be disposed of with your electronics, with fluorescent bulbs or at your Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. (Current cost to dispose with electronics is \$.67 per lb.)
- If you choose to put your microwaves with your electronics, capacitors do not have to be removed.

Consider charging residents a disposal fee to drop off microwaves.

Recommended Disposal Fee: \$5 - \$10 depending on size (as electronics are charged by the pound to recycle).

Below are pictures showing sample capacitors and labels marked with **NO PCBs** +



Please contact NRRA if you need additional information.

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