

September 25, 2025

RE: Notice of 2026 Brand Allotment Assignments

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) together with the Rhode Island Resource Corporation (RIRRC) have finalized all computer equipment return share and television market shares. The final allotments by weight can be found at the <u>Resource Recovery Website</u>ⁱ then scroll down to the '2026 Manufacturer's Shares'.

The shares were calculated and approved pursuant to <u>Rhode Island Electronic Waste Prevention</u>, <u>Reuse and Recycling Act (R.I. General Law 23-24.10)</u>ⁱⁱ. Due to the success of our collections program, the statewide target for RI has decreased from 6 LBs per person in 2008 to 2.75 LBs person in 2026 and is calculated based on the July 1, 2024 US Census Bureau State of Rhode Island population estimate of 1,112,308 persons.

The total target of 3,058,847 pounds is allocated between computer equipment (11.21%) and televisions (88.79%) based on the percentages from the state-run program for quantities collected in 2024. Likewise, the computer equipment brand returns were obtained from a 100% brand sample of the state-run collection program during 2024 and used to allocate computer returns share among brands. While the television market-share data for the 12 months ending December 31, 2024, obtained from the Electronics Recycling Coordination Clearinghouse, was utilized to allocate television collection shares.

RIRRC has been approved for the state-run program cost to be billed at \$0.30 per pound in 2026.

Please note the following:

State Plan:

Manufacturers that choose the State program must pay the registration fee and will be billed once
for their allotted weights in April. This will conclude all requirements for the 2026 RI Takeback
Program.

Independent Plan:

- This year, all individual or group manufacturer plan applications must be submitted based on a new list of requirements described in the attachments on the RI page of the ERCC website.
- Previously approved plans from earlier years will not be carried over with or without modifications.

- Registration, Fee payments, and plans must be submitted no later than November 15th. Any manufacturer plan submitted late or missing an item from the plan checklist will automatically have manufacturers placed in the state program.
- Annual reports for 2025 due February 1, 2026, may be audited with documentation required.
- Mandatory reporting for 2026 will be submitted by the last day of the month following the end of each quarter on a new template provided by the DEM, unless the manufacturer is in the State Program.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this notice or the Rhode Island Electronics Waste Prevention, Re-Use and Recycling Act, the registration process, or creating a recycling plan, please contact RI DEM, Alyson Brunelli at 401 537-4310, or email at alyson.brunelli@dem.ri.gov. If you have any questions or comments regarding the basis of the share calculations, contact RIRRC, Jared Rhodes at 401-942-1430 or by email at irhodes@rirrc.org.

Best Regards,

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Sincerely,

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ⁱ http://www.rirrc.org/recycling-composting-disposal/electronic-waste

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