

Criteria for setting up Collection centres

1. The collection, transportation, storage and handling of E-Waste in the collection centres as to be done carefully without breaking the end of life equipments.
2. Collection centers, established under these Rules, need not seek Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
3. Producers having large number of distributors/dealers in each of the State and has large warehouses already in place can use the space if available in these ware house for establishing collection centre. However, the space used for collection centre has to be clearly demarcated (by enclosure or partition) from the space meant for new goods.
4. The storage capacity of any collection centre should be commensurate with available area, volume of operations (in weight) and type of E-waste.
5. The collection centre where Refrigerator and Air conditioners are also stored should have adequate facilities for handling / arresting leakage of compressor oils, CFCs/HCFs if any.
6. Covered shed/spaces may be used for storage of E-Waste generated from IT and Telecommunication equipments while open spaces can be used for storage of refrigerators / washing machines /air conditioners. In case of storage of e-waste, generated from IT and Telecommunication equipment, in open spaces, containers with lids/covers may be used. Ewaste comprising of IT & TE waste preferably be segregated and stored at collection centre in suitable racks/containers/bins.
7. Containers of appropriate size and shape may be used for segregation of e-waste items generated from IT and Telecommunication equipments to facilitate effective collection and handling operations. Containers can be made either of wood or plastic or mild steel or any appropriate material with sufficient strength and shapes (top open containers, caged boxes, rakes etc.) for holding the e-waste. These containers/racks may be placed in such a way that there should be adequate space for movement of workers and material.
8. Producer can assess their individual requirements and design a collection or product take back systems as they deem appropriate as long as it facilitates channelization of WEEE for environmentally sound management.

Legal Requirement of Collection Center

The collection centre has to comply with following legal requirements:

- i. To obtain an authorization from the concerned SPCBs/PCCs
- ii. To ensure that the e-waste collected by them is sent to registered dismantlers or recyclers in a secured manner.
- iii. To maintain records of the e-waste handled in Form 2
- iv. To file annual returns in Form 3
- v. To make the records available for scrutiny by the SPCBs/PCCs