We spent $4.2 billion dollars on computers in 2006 and 64% of us now carry cell phones. I kept my last cell phone until is stopped working and my computer tech says my computer isn't doing too bad for its age. But we have 3 or 4 computers and everyone except my youngest daughter has their own cell phone, music device, camera and so on. We are still tech junkies no matter which way you look at it.

These devices that we love - yes you, reading this online article - contain lead, mercury, arsenic, and cadmium to name a few toxins. Over one third of Canadians store old IT waste at home, one half of us give it away, drop it off at a depot or return it to a supplier and about 16% of Canadians are still trashing their old IT.

Computers for Schools
Industry Canada has a program to turn surplus computers into resources for public schools, libraries and not for profit learning organizations, allowing young people to access information technology and learn the skills needed for their future. To sign your corporation up you can go to Computers for Schools and find the donation form. Or as an individual, you can go to the provincial list of contacts.

Electronics Product Stewardship Canada is an industry lead not for profit organization working on solutions to Canadian IT waste. To find a current manufacturer's recycling program or a provincial program you can go to their resources page
and look for a program near you.

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