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CFCs in Household Appliances and Vending Machines

Most large household appliances are banned from landfill disposal in Nebraska. Appliances that cannot be disposed of in landfills include all clothes washers and dryers, water heaters, heat pumps, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers, trash compactors, dishwashers, conventional ovens, ranges, stoves, and wood stoves.

When these appliances are discarded and become waste items, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) recommends that they be recycled with special consideration given to the appliances that contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). A person who is trained and certified for recovery must remove CFCs. Refrigeration-type appliances, delivered for recycling, should have the CFCs removed or arrangements should be made to have the CFCs removed. The NDEQ recommends that appliances containing CFCs be segregated and stored so as to aid in the proper removal of CFCs. For questions related to CFC removal requirements, contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Stratospheric Ozone Protection Hotline at 1 (800) 296-1996, or go to <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/title6/608>.*

Vending machines are not currently considered a household appliance; as such they are not subject to the land disposal ban. However, as they may contain refrigerant units and are delivered for recycling or disposal, the CFCs should be removed as described above.

For more information please refer to Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-2039 or [Title 132 - Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations](#), Chapter 1, §034.

RESOURCES:

- NDEQ Home Page <http://deq.ne.gov/>

Contacts:

- NDEQ Waste Management Section (402) 471-4210
- NDEQ Toll Free Number (877) 253-2603
- NDEQ Hazardous Waste Compliance Assistant (402) 471-8308
- Email questions to: NDEQ.moreinfo@nebraska.gov

NDEQ Publications:

- [Title 132 – Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations](#)
Titles are available on the NDEQ Home Page under “Laws/Regs & EQC”, “Rules & Regulations”

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