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Chlorofluorocarbons in Household Appliances and Vending Machines

This guidance document has been produced by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) to provide guidance in the disposal of household appliances and vending machines containing chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). Most large household appliances are banned from landfill disposal in Nebraska. These appliances 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 items are discarded and become waste items, the NDEE recommends that they be recycled with special consideration given to the appliances that contain CFCs. Only a person who is trained and certified for recovery should remove CFCs. Refrigeration-type appliances delivered for recycling should have the CFCs removed or arrangements should be made to have the CFCs removed. The NDEE recommends that appliances containing CFCs be segregated and stored to aid in the proper removal of the CFCs.

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

For questions related to CFCs in stationary refrigeration and air conditioning, see the U.S. EPA's Section 608 website at: <https://www.epa.gov/section608/>.

RESOURCES:

- NDEE Home Page <https://dee.nebraska.gov/>
- U.S. EPA Stratospheric Protection Division Website <https://www.epa.gov/section608/>

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- NDEE Main Number (402) 471-2186
- NDEE Toll Free Number (877) 253-2603
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NDEE Publications:

- [Title 132 – Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations](#)
Titles are available on the NDEE Home Page under “Resources and Services”, “Laws & Regulations”, “Rules & Regulations”.

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