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## Toner/Ink Cartridge, Mobile Phone and Electronics Recycling

One of the newest ways to raise funds for our schools is also one of the most eco-friendly and enlightened. Various companies offer ink cartridge recycling programs, cellular phone recycling and other options for schools to explore. These programs cut down on waste in landfills and can be very rewarding for cash-strapped school supporters.

Though a few companies are listed here, there are many reputable companies in the field. The kinds of items accepted vary, down to the brand and make of recyclable items. Check and make sure the program you select is broad enough for your needs.

[Funding Factory](#) provides free shipping and boxes, free promotional materials and online accounting. The program pays schools monthly for inkjet and laser cartridges, and cell phones. Recycled items can either be used for cash or for points to purchase items in an extensive rewards catalog. Schools can also have their foundations or business partners affiliate with them, allowing payment of an extra 10 cents per item recycled.

[Cartridges For Kids](#) also provides free shipping, but asks that participants to provide their own boxes. Shipments of products are paid for a month after they are received and processed. The company not only accepts cell phones and ink and laser cartridges, but video games and consoles, laptops, PDAs, MP3 players, and digital cameras. They will also provide businesses who partner with your school or group with shipping labels.

[Ecophones](#) not only recycles everything that the above companies do, but also DVDs. The company's web site says it pays for every item sent, whether damaged and non-listed or not. The company provides a link to a printable DHL label for free shipping, and provides promotional materials and support services for participants. Payment is received 30 days after processing of shipments.