

Treasures in your trash

A guide to using your trash to care for God's Creation and raising money to serve His Kingdom.

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- **Recycling is part of God's command to humanity to care for and rule over His creation.**
- **Recycling is wonderful way to raise money for the work of God's kingdom.**

Trash to Sell. Larry's basic rule of thumb is **anything metal or anything electric** has resale value.

- **Scrap metal.** All metal has resale value in recycling. Metals that are non-magnetic (aluminum, copper, brass) tend to have a greater value than magnetic metals (steel).
- **Old unused or broken jewelry.** Old jewelry can either be sold as antiques on websites like eBay or recycled for the value of the precious metals.
- **Clocks and watches.** Older watches that are non-quartz may have resale value as antiques.
- **Light bulbs.** The tungsten filaments on an incandescent light bulb have value. The glass from the bulb can be recycled. The ballasts from fluorescent fixtures (or the whole fixture).
- **Old televisions and computer monitors.** These take some work taking apart but the resale value of the parts (circuit board, wiring, copper cone, power cord, etc.) are certainly worth the effort. Computer monitors have gold-plated contacts that have some value. Flat screens can also be recycled but at a lower value.
- **Computers and laptops.** These often have gold plating to protect contacts.
- **Appliances, anything with a motor.** Of particular value is the copper windings in the motor.
- **Wire.** That includes coax cable, computer cables, power cords, telephone wire and telephones.
- **Air conditioners.**
- **Irons.** Irons often have an aluminum base.
- **Used Batteries.** All batteries, alkaline, nickel cadmium, car batteries have a resale value. Larry Palmer has a company that pays him for batteries by the pound.
- **Cell Phone chargers and power supplies.** The electronic devices have a metal coil that has value.
- **Cell Phones.** Cell phone can be refurbished and given to US soldiers to call home through a program called "Cell Phones for Soldiers."
- **Other items:** toasters, vacuum cleaners, lamps, nails, screws, lawn mowers, weed whackers, rakes, etc.

If you would like to donate any of the items please contact Larry Palmer at blpalmer@localnet.com.

Trash that can be recycled. Some recyclables greatest value is not in their resale value, but in the fact that they can be reused and not tossed to take up space in our landfills. These items include: **glass, paper, cardboard and plastic.** You'll have to check for the guidelines in your own community, but as a basic guide our check our local company's recycling guidelines.

Trash that must be disposed of properly. There are certain items that are too hazardous to put into our landfills as they tend to leach into the soil and may pollute the groundwater. These include: waste **oil, solvents, anti-freeze, outdated drugs and oil based paints.** Check with your local town for guidelines for the safe disposal of these products.

Trash to be safely thrown in the landfill. For items that can not be resold, recycled, or composted and are non-leachable can safely be thrown away. Try starting a competition with your family to see how little you can throw away this year.