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United States: New York State has seen an upturn in the volume of used electronics recycled since new legislation was introduced in 2011, partly thanks to more industry involvement.

However, a number of large retailers are still lagging behind, concludes a study report by the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI). Some of the big players like Walmart, Amazon and Sears still don't have a recycling option for the electronics they sell, it is maintained.

The number of collection sites for electronic scrap has increased by nearly 80% since the initiative was launched. According to the PSI report, the new law makes manufacturers responsible for the recycling of their own products and bans disposal of consumer electronics in landfills.

New York State residents produce more than 136 million tonnes of electronic waste each year in the form of outdated computers, phones, televisions and appliances - and volumes are continuing to rise.

For more information, visit: www.productstewardship.us

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