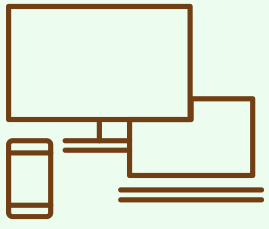


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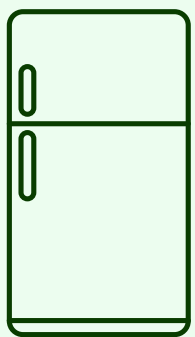
## E-WASTE AND HOW CONSUMER CHOICES HELP TO REDUCE IT:



To minimize e-waste, keep devices longer, replace batteries, donate for restoration or reuse, and properly recycle electronics, as well as support changes to state and federal laws to reduce environmental impacts.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF HOUSE CLADDING PRODUCTS:

Over a building life of 60 years, vinyl, solid wood, and engineered wood siding have the **LOWEST** overall environmental impacts and polypropylene siding and cement-based options have the highest impacts.



## REPLACING THAT OLD REFRIGERATOR: A BETTER DECISION THAN YOU THINK:

Because of required energy-efficiency improvements, when a refrigerator reaches 10-11 years in use, it is best to **recycle and replace** it with a new unit that meets the current standards.

## SELECTION OF PAPER FOR MINIMUM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Printing and writing paper with 10-30% recycled content provides the **BEST** environmental performance.



## CONSUMER FOOD WASTE:

Food waste at the consumer level constitutes about **20% of total estimated food loss**, and the loss of food once it reaches the consumer has a much higher environmental impact due to the impacts of producing, harvesting, transporting, processing, and distributing food.



## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF CLOTHING:

Consumers can help to **reverse recent trends** toward 'fast fashion'; by limiting purchases, avoiding trendy short-life fashion, purchasing recycled-content items, and seeking out second-hand outlets.

