



END OF LIFE RECYCLING GUIDE

At Bishop-Wisecarver®, we believe sustainability continues through the full product lifecycle. This reference guide provides clear steps for responsible recycling once a product reaches end of life, along with regional resources to support environmentally sound practices across North America.

<i>Component / Material</i>	<i>Common Materials</i>	<i>Handling Notes</i>
Metal parts (steel, aluminum)	Steel, aluminum alloys	Remove non-metal attachments; metals are broadly recyclable.
Electronic elements	PCBs, sensors, wiring	Use certified e-waste recyclers; ensure data security if applicable.
Plastics & enclosures	ABS, polycarbonate	Separate where possible; many recyclers accept mixed plastics.
Hardware (fasteners, hinges)	Steel, stainless, zinc plated	Disassemble when practical; small parts as scrap metal.
Packaging materials	Clean wood, corrugated board, paper	Separate materials per local recycling guidelines.

How to Prepare a Product for Recycling

- ✓ Remove any non-integral parts (packaging, accessories)
- ✓ Disconnect or discharge any power sources (batteries, capacitors)
- ✓ Label or tag hazardous components, if known
- ✓ Sort by material type when feasible (metal, plastic, electronics)
- ✓ Clean or wipe surfaces to reduce contamination

Regional Recycling Resources

<i>Region</i>	<i>Organizations / Services</i>	<i>Why They're Helpful</i>
U.S. – Federal / Nationwide	EPA Electronics Donation & Recycling, SourceAmerica	Regulatory guidance; list of recycling programs; reuse options.
California	CalRecycle's e-Waste Program, Modern Waste Solutions	Local drop-off or pickup; rules on electronics recycling.
Pacific Northwest / West Coast	Electronic Reusing Association (ERA)	Many drop-off points; reuse and data security for electronics.
North America (Corporate)	Veolia North America – Electronics Recycling	Handles large volumes; certified, responsible downstream processing.

By working together, we can extend the value of every product and reduce our environmental footprint. End users should always check with local recycling authorities about recycling guidelines to ensure compliance with local laws and regulations.