Sustainability Corner

Mobi-Cycle

Mobile phones contain many toxins, and considerable environmental destruction is involved in extracting the metals they contain.

On average, Kiwis replace their mobile phones every 18 months, which equals 2 million abandoned phones every year and about 1 per day for the employees of this council.

Don't send toxins and rare metals to the tip. Instead, support child health programmes and recycle your old mobile through the Starship Foundation. It's easy and it's free. Just collect a ParcelPostTM Returns Freepost envelope from the entertainment counter at 'The Warehouse', and post. All makes and models are accepted, in any condition.

Phones that still work are sent on to be used in developing countries. Valuable materials and toxic chemicals are extracted from phones that don't work. Either way, Starship and the environment both benefit.

For more information visit The Warehouse website: www.thewarehouse.co.nz

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