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Abstracts

According to Stratistics MRC, the Global Electronic Waste Recycling Market is accounted for $40.48 billion in 2025 and is expected to reach $110.33 billion by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 15.4% during the forecast period. The act of gathering, disassembling, and reusing discarded electronic devices—such as computers, smartphones, televisions, and appliances—is known as electronic waste recycling. It entails the safe recovery of priceless materials like copper, silver, gold, and polymers as well as the appropriate disposal of hazardous pollutants like lead and mercury. Recycling lessens the quantity of e-waste that ends up in landfills, conserves natural resources, and lessens environmental impact. Recycling electronic waste promotes a circular economy, which in turn supports sustainable development and responsible manufacturing and consumption of electronic products worldwide.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Economic value of recovered materials

Valuable metals such as copper, palladium, silver, and gold can be commercially recovered and repurposed from e-waste. Investments are drawn to the recycling

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industry because recycling these commodities is more economical than extracting new resources. There are more prospects for material recovery as the amount of e-waste rises in tandem with the global demand for electronics. Governments and businesses see the economic advantages of recycling, which encourages the creation of infrastructure and legislation. This increasing financial incentive keeps driving technological innovation and industry growth for e-waste recycling.

Restraint:

Informal recycling sector

It mostly concentrates on manual disassembly, which might harm priceless materials and provide environmental risks. Inappropriate disposal frequently results in the discharge of poisonous and hazardous chemicals that are harmful to both human health and the environment. Additionally, informal recyclers don't follow the law, which restricts proper handling and disposal. By providing lower pricing, this industry undermines official recycling initiatives and deters investment in appropriate recycling equipment. As a result, recycling electronic waste is considerably less sustainable and effective overall.

Opportunity:

Integration of informal recyclers

It makes it easier for formal sectors to obtain more e-waste that would otherwise go unrecorded. Recycling procedures are safer and of higher quality when formal employment opportunities and training are provided. This partnership lowers the dangers to the environment and human health that come with treating e-waste in an unauthorised manner. Additionally, it supports livelihoods in vulnerable areas and encourages social inclusion. All things considered, the integration promotes market expansion and fortifies the recycling value chain.

Threat:

Growth in consumer electronics recycling

The sector has become fragmented due to an increasing number of new players entering the market, which has decreased the profitability of long-standing recycling companies. Recycling businesses are also finding it difficult to handle the huge amount of rubbish due to the quick turnover of electronic gadgets. Many electronic trash

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recyclers find it difficult to update their procedures to accommodate newer, more sophisticated devices as technology develops. Furthermore, the efficacy of the market as a whole is hampered by the lack of uniformity in recycling procedures. Lastly, the market's potential for expansion is further constrained by a lack of consumer understanding on appropriate disposal.

Covid-19 Impact

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted the electronic waste recycling market, disrupting global supply chains and reducing collection and recycling activities due to lockdowns. Temporary closure of recycling facilities and decreased consumer electronics disposal slowed market operations. However, the increased reliance on digital devices during remote work and learning accelerated electronic consumption, leading to a surge in e-waste generation. Post-pandemic recovery is driving renewed focus on sustainable recycling practices and investment in efficient e-waste management infrastructure to address rising environmental concerns.

The consumer electronics segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The consumer electronics segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, due to the rapid technological advancements and frequent product upgrades. As consumers replace devices like smartphones, laptops, and TVs more often, the volume of e-waste continues to rise. This growing waste stream creates a strong demand for efficient recycling systems to recover valuable materials such as gold, copper, and rare earth elements. Government regulations and corporate sustainability initiatives further boost recycling efforts within this segment. Overall, consumer electronics serve as a major contributor to both the problem and the solution in the e-waste recycling landscape.

The pick-up services segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the pick-up services segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate by offering convenient and accessible solutions for consumers and businesses to dispose of e-waste responsibly. It reduces the barriers of transportation and time, encouraging higher participation in recycling programs. By facilitating direct collection from homes or offices, these services ensure a steady inflow of recyclable electronic materials. This, in turn, supports recycling companies in maintaining efficient

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processing operations and meeting sustainability goals. Additionally, the segment drives innovation in logistics and tracking, enhancing the overall effectiveness of e-waste management.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is expected to hold the largest market share by rapid urbanization, high electronic consumption, and increased awareness about environmental sustainability. Countries like China, Japan, India, and South Korea are leading the market due to their robust industrial base and technological advancements. The region's growing focus on reducing e-waste and implementing stringent regulations on recycling processes further boosts market expansion. Additionally, the demand for valuable materials from e-waste, such as gold, silver, and rare earth metals, is creating opportunities for innovative recycling solutions.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the North America region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR by increasing awareness about environmental sustainability and the growing volume of discarded electronics. With stringent government regulations on e-waste disposal, companies are adopting advanced recycling technologies to extract valuable materials like gold, silver, and rare earth metals. The market is further supported by consumer demand for eco-friendly practices and the need for responsible disposal of outdated devices. Key players are investing in infrastructure and partnerships, making North America a hub for innovative e-waste recycling solutions.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players profiled in the Electronic Waste Recycling Market include Aurubis AG, Sims Limited, Umicore, Enviro-Hub Holdings Ltd., Tetronics International Ltd., Electronic Recyclers International, Inc. (ERI), Stena Metall AB, Veolia Environnement S.A., Boliden Group, MBA Polymers, Inc., E-Parisaraa Pvt. Ltd., TBS Industries, Tes-AMM, Waste Management, Inc., Sembcorp Industries Ltd., Lifespan Technology Recycling, Inc., Metallo Group and Electronics Recycling International India Pvt. Ltd.

Key Developments:

In October 2023, Aurubis AG acquired ECO-Recycling SA (Belgium), a specialized e-

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waste recycler, to strengthen Aurubis' foothold in Europe's urban mining sector. The acquisition includes access to ECO's advanced sorting technologies.

In September 2023, Aurubis AG launched Aurubis Urban Mine Metals, a product line of high-purity copper, gold, and silver recovered entirely from e-waste. This initiative aligns with their "Green Metals" branding for sustainable sourcing.

Products Covered:

- Household Appliances
- IT and Telecommunication Equipment
- Consumer Electronics
- Industrial Electronics
- Other Products

Materials Covered:

- Metals
- Plastics
- Glass
- Other Materials

Source of Wastes Covered:

- Commercial
- Residential
- Industrial

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Institutional

Other Source of Wastes

Method of Recyclings Covered:

Reuse

Incineration

Physical Recycling

Chemical Recycling

Landfilling

Other Method of Recyclings

Collection Methods Covered:

Drop-off Centers

Pick-up Services

Take-back Programs

E-waste Collection Events

Other Collection Methods

Regions Covered:

North America

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- Mexico

Europe

- Germany
- UK
- Italy
- France
- Spain
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Rest of South America

Middle East & Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

Qatar

South Africa

Rest of Middle East & Africa

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