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Welcome to The Weekly Geek

This is a new e-newsletter from the Information & Instructional Technology Departments at Dakota County Technical College. Each week will have a different technology related topic.

The calendar says it is spring, even if looking out the window tells a different story.

Perhaps you are in a purging mood around your house and ready to get rid of technology or other clutter you have.

This week's Weekly Geek offers some locations that will take your old electronics for recycling and refurbishment or where you can donate old items.

[Best Buy Stores](#)

Offer free recycling on a wide variety of items, even if you didn't purchase it at Best Buy.

[They also offer a Trade-In program for some items.](#)

Recently someone had dropped of an old toy for recycling – a Nintendo Robotic Operating Buddy from the 1980's. An employee wanted to save it from the scrap heap for nostalgic reasons. [Check out story here.](#)

[Dakota County Recycling Zone](#)

The County offers recycling of a variety of electronics and small appliances and you can get rid of old chemicals or leftover paint. The link above has location and accepted items lists.

[Rethink Recycling](#)

This site is the "go to guide for waste & recycling" in the Twin Cities.

[Freecycle](#)

If you just don't need items that still have life to them – offer the up on Freecycle. People can post ads for stuff they want to give away or that they are hoping to find. Remember those of you that love the "free stuff" this article was about getting rid of stuff – not packing the garage the rafters with stuff you brought home "cuz it was free".

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