

## **Cable Disposal Guidelines**

Customers are responsible for disposal of fiber optic cable and packaging in accordance with any regulatory, statutory or other local requirements. This could include excess inventory, obsolete cable or cable that has been installed and removed from service, wooden reels or other packaging.

Our steel reels are designed to be reused. Please contact us at 1-800-669-0808, and we will arrange for pick-up of steel reels and any credits that are due for deposits on them.

Since cabling components are usually separated as part of the recycling process, specialty recyclers with experience in this area will be best equipped to handle scrap cable. The cable jacket is the most readily separable component. Ripcords are provided under all jackets so that installers can split the jacket open during splicing operations. The ripcords can be used to split the jacket over long lengths. If corrugated steel tape armor is present, it can be peeled away from the jacket. Please refer to our Installation Procedures for instructions on initiating cable and ripcord access.

Check for local waste recycling or donation programs for acceptance of fiber optic cable and any disposal guidelines. The EPA offers a list of resources like the Electronic Industries Alliance's Consumer Education Initiative and Earth 911. The EPA has also released the R2 Responsible Recycling standard, which can be used for additional guidance. These organizations can help connect you with local waste recycling programs that accept your old cables free of charge. You could also ask your city government or local recycling transfer station if they sponsor cable recycling programs. It may buy waste and recycle it.