

**115A.9561 MAJOR APPLIANCES.**

Subdivision 1. **Prohibitions.** A person may not:

- (1) place major appliances in mixed municipal solid waste; or
- (2) dispose of major appliances in or on the land or in a solid waste processing or disposal facility. The agency may enforce this section pursuant to sections 115.071 and 116.072.

Subd. 2. **Recycling required.** (a) Major appliances must be recycled or reused. Each county shall ensure that its households have the opportunity to recycle used major appliances. For the purposes of this section, recycling includes:

- (1) the removal of capacitors that may contain PCBs;
- (2) the removal of ballasts that may contain PCBs;
- (3) the removal of chlorofluorocarbon refrigerant gas; and
- (4) the recycling or reuse of the metals, including mercury.

(b) To ensure that the materials removed from a major appliance are not introduced into the environment, an activity described in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), must be conducted in a closed facility if the activity is conducted within 500 feet from the ordinary high-water level of a water basin that is a public water, as those terms are described in section 103G.005, or of a watercourse identified by the public waters inventory under section 103G.201.

**History:** *1Sp1989 c 1 art 20 s 13; 1991 c 337 s 48; 1991 c 347 art 1 s 18; 1992 c 560 s 2; 1994 c 585 s 27; 2002 c 382 art 1 s 3*