



## FACT SHEET

**!!Appliances are not accepted at the Collection Center!!**

### **Appliances with CFCs**

#### **Hazards**

- Appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFC5), a substance that when released, reacts with ozone in the upper atmosphere, reducing this layers protective properties against ultraviolet radiation.

#### **Handling**

- Handle in a way that does not damage coils containing refrigerants.
- Under federal law, CFCs must be removed before the appliance can be discarded.

#### **Management Options**

- White goods, large appliances including ovens, washing machines and refrigerators, are banned from disposal in Massachusetts. All appliances using CFCs are included in this ban.
- If the appliance is still functioning, call your electric company to see if they have a take-back program for high demand appliances.
- Check the “Massachusetts Material Trader” or the Yellow Pages for freon removal companies and/or scrap metal dealers who accept white goods. Ask for certification that CFCs are removed according to EPA protocol. A list of vendors accepting appliances with CFCs as of December 2000 can be found below. CFCs must also be removed from car air conditioners before they can be scrapped.

For more information, call EPA's Stratospheric Ozone Protection Hotline at (800) 296-1996.

Company in Massachusetts that **may** Accept Appliances with CFCs:

Foxboro - [Interstate Refrigerant Recovery](#) – 866-533-7366

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