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EWASTE FEE APPLIES TO PORTABLE DVD PLAYERS STARTING JULY 1

The Board of Equalization announced today that beginning July 1, 2007, the state's Electronic Waste and Recycling (or "EWaste") Fee will apply to the sale of most portable DVD players. The fee is collected on the sale of many products with Liquid Crystal Displays (LCDs), and goes to pay for the disposal of electronic waste throughout California.

The fee ranges from \$6-10, depending on the size of the product's LCD screen. Only DVD players with screens measuring more than four inches diagonally are subject to the fee.

While the Board of Equalization administers the fee, the products subject to the fee are determined by the Department of Toxic Substances Control.

Retailers began collecting the EWaste fee in 2005. In fiscal year 2006-2007 over \$62 million was collected by approximately 20,000 retailers statewide.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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Links:

- [Frequently Asked Questions About the EWaste Fee](#)
- [Publication 95, *Electronic Waste Recycling Fee*](#)
- [Department of Toxic Substances Control Website](#)