

## **'In with the new, recycle the old: why it's important to recycle your old mobile phones'**

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How many people have phones in the world? According Statista, there are 3.5 billion smartphone users in the world. Every year, big mobile phone companies develop new and exciting products. And every year, around 80 % of electronic products are sent to landfills and incinerators. Since people change their phones so frequently, the manufacturers of these products do not have the environment in mind. There are many chemicals in our mobile phone that excrete the harmful toxins into the atmosphere. It takes 539 lbs. of fossil fuel, 48 lbs. of chemicals, and 1.5 tons of water to manufacture one computer and monitor. According to the Irish News, the tech industry will have the biggest carbon footprint by 2040. And only 12.5% of e-waste is recycled. Although there are billions of phones used daily, around 80% of the phone is recyclable. Three Mobile Network will take your old phone, it doesn't matter what network you're with and recycle it for free. As well as that, you can trade in your phone if it is still relatively new. It's important to recycle old electronic devices to reduce the amount of carbon emissions in the environment.