

# Computer End of Life: Considerations & Sane Disposal

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# Obsolescence



There comes a time when we must retire machines

# Two Types

Planned



Unplanned



Planned are replacement cycles

Unplanned are "oops"

# What's the process?

- General policy for equipment refresh
- Time-frame

Probably not the best idea to start this Oct 1 for a school

# Data

- The real cost of a machine is the data
- Consider privacy
- Legal Requirements
- Don't trust your end users to do it

Every X years we refresh machines

# Planned Disposal

- Collection of Hardware
- Removal from Management\*
- Removal from Inventory
- Erase Data
- Storage / Recycle / Sell / etc

\*Can now include the Apple DEP.

# Unplanned

- Machine Breaks
- Replacement process
- Can you get data off the machine?
- Has the user backed up?

# What about ...

- iOS Devices?
- Servers?



# Disposal Regulations

- Remember you can't just throw them in the garbage.