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Repairs, recycling available for iPods

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Dead and broken iPods don't have to take up space in desk drawers and municipal landfills.

Companies in Canada and the U.S. are giving them new life, either repairing or recycling the popular electronic devices.

Toronto-based iRepair.ca has gained recognition across North America for reviving iPods. It offers mail-in and walk-in repair services and also sells refurbished **iPod** models from its website www.irepair.ca.

In the U.S., BuyMyTronics.com at www.buymytronics actually buys used, broken or otherwise unwanted iPods, iPhones, Zunes and game consoles of all types, in any condition.

Brett Mosley, founder and president, says the Denver, Colo.-based company receives dozens of iPods from Canada as well as Europe. The devices are either fixed and resold online or scrapped for parts.

"All of the parts have a second life, well, most," Mosley said in an e-mail.

"The housing and exterior body can be reused in other iPods, LCDs can be swapped and buttons can be swapped as well. Hard drives can be fixed and motherboards can be fixed.

"Also, all of the parts can be reused in other iPods. Kind of like a frankensteinpod."

Repair help for electronic devices is available online, if only to find and download a manual from the manufacturer's website. Web searches with key words about the problem may find solutions from others who've experienced and solved similar difficulties.

The website www.fixya.com offers frequently asked questions and answers to problems with a variety of electronics.

Apple Canada does offer a recycling program available at www.apple.com/

[ca/environment/recycling/ipodrecycling/](http://www.apple.com/ca/environment/recycling/ipodrecycling/) for its iPods as well as cellphones from any manufacturer.

Windsor's waste depot at 3450 North Service Rd. E., off E.C. Row Expressway and Central Avenue, accepts electronics such as computers for recycling.

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