

■ **Microsoft now pays for old electronics.** In collaboration with Telad-vance, which specializes in reusing and recycling electronics, Microsoft will give you cash for your used laptop, tablet, phone or game console if it meets the criteria for a trade-in. Items that don't meet the criteria will be recycled or returned to you for free. *Information:* Go to <https://bit.ly/3JIA7Bu>, and fill in information about the item you want to trade in...get an idea of the trade-in value...and the site will create a prepaid shipping label to use to send in your items. The site promises payment via PayPal or a bank transfer within 14 days of finalizing the trade-in. *Other options:* Other stores, such as Staples, GameStop and Best Buy, also have programs for trading in old electronics—but usually for store credit, not cash.

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