



Trashmagination is a podcast on reimagining trash. Episode 24 is about hosting a take-apart event and how to use broken electronics. Learn more at [trashmagination.com](http://trashmagination.com).

## What to Gather for Take Apart Events

### Best Items

- boomboxes
- bread machines
- calculators
- CD / DVD / Blu-ray players
- clocks / clock radios
- coffee machines
- computer mouse
- desktop computer bases
- electric guitars
- fans
- game devices (Gameboy, Nintendo, X-Box etc.)
- hand tools without blades – electric
- keyboards (from computers or electric pianos)
- label makers
- motors
- printers
- record players
- sewing machines
- stereos
- stereo speakers
- talking books
- tape recorders
- telephones - corded
- toys – remote control, motorized, dancing, talking, light-up

### Items to Avoid

- cameras
- cell phones
- irons
- laptops
- microwaves
- monitors
- scanners
- televisions
- toasters
- vacuums

I highly recommend watching a talk by librarian Leanne Mobley from Florida. She organized an event called Wreck the Library - <https://travelinlibrarian.info/2015/04/tech-talk-wreck-the-library-how-to-host-a-tech-take-apart/>.