

Important checklist before returning your device

Please return only your personal devices.

To ensure the device can be reused and its full value realized, please take care of the following:

1. **Remove personal accounts and locks** (e.g., disable Apple ID / Find My iPhone).
2. **Restore the device to its factory settings.** (If needed, you can find instructions on the manufacturer's website.)

If you are unable to complete the steps above, you can still bring the device for collection. In such cases, the device cannot be reused, but it will be properly recycled or destroyed.

Please call the campus contact person when you are on your way to drop off the device—the handover usually takes only a few minutes! Contact details can be found in the news item.

How does the recycling process work?

Our recycling partner, the IT services company Atea, notes that the production of a single laptop generates up to 1.2 tonnes of mining and metal waste. Well-maintained IT equipment is valuable. At the same time, devices that have not been wiped pose both a data security risk and a fire hazard. The sooner a device that is no longer needed enters the recycling loop, the greater the positive impact.

Atea's "GoITLoop" recycling service is safe and responsible, and it holds several ISO certifications. The recycling process is designed to be highly secure and effortless:

- 100% secure data erasure: All data is wiped using market-leading tools (Blancco/Ibas)—either through software-based erasure or degaussing. Any identifying labels or markings are removed.
- Responsible handling: Devices are processed by authorized personnel in a secure facility in Vantaa.
- A new life for functional devices: Refurbished devices are directed toward reuse, while non-functional units are sent for material recycling.
- Reporting: A detailed GoITLoop report—covering the climate impact of the recycling process and information on the returned devices (including serial numbers)—is made available via the My Atea service.

ONE for Good – Supporting young people through the circular economy

By returning IT equipment for recycling via the GoITLoop service, we also promote social sustainability. Atea uses the residual value of the returned devices to support physical activity among children and young people, in partnership with the Finnish Athletics Federation.

Let's work together for the environment, data security, and a good cause!