



Cuyahoga County SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

To: All Cuyahoga County Service Departments
Date: May 5, 2017
Re: **Changes to the Household Hazardous Waste Program**

Please be advised of the following changes to the Household Hazardous Waste Program that will be effective June 2, 2017. We are implementing these changes to reduce program costs for items where alternative disposal options exist.

Fluorescent Bulbs

We will no longer be accepting fluorescent bulbs in our program. Residents can dispose their compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs for free at any Home Depot and Lowes Home Improvement store. Because of this existing program, we decided not to duplicate a service that is being offered at no cost to taxpayers. Another reason is that some cities have been delivering pallets of bulbs that we believe came from city facilities and not just from residents. This has become an expensive problem for the District. By law we may only handle materials from residential sources and not commercial sources which includes public buildings.

We understand that residents may sometimes have fluorescent tubes to dispose and we hope that your city will choose to accept these for recycling through your city's internal bulb management program. If your city does not have a program to manage the bulbs that it generates, our contractor Clean Harbors is offering the following pricing to pick up bulbs at your location. Please contact Mack Bell at Clean Harbors Environmental Services to arrange for this service (216) 701-4650.

Bulb Recycling	Transportation
Fluorescent bulbs (4ft/8ft) = \$.95/lb. (\$85 minimum charge)	\$100 minimum, \$13/container
Any other type bulb = \$2.10/lb. (\$85 minimum charge)	

A list of other vendors is available from the District if you wish to get additional prices for this service.

Rechargeable Batteries

There is a free, nationwide program to recycle rechargeable batteries through **Call2Recycle**. We ask that you instruct your residents to take their rechargeable batteries to one of the Call2Recycle drop-off locations. These include all Best Buy, Home Depot, Lowe's Home Improvement, and Radio Shack stores in Cuyahoga County. To find a location near you, call 1.877.2.RECYCLE or search with your zip code at www.Call2Recycle.org. Your city can also become a Call2Recycle location and host a drop-box for residents. Visit www.call2recycle.org/start-collecting/

Single-use alkaline batteries can also be recycled through some local Call2Recycle drop boxes. If you choose not use a Call2Recycle drop box, alkaline batteries can be safely disposed of with normal household waste.

Please inform residents of the free recycling locations for batteries. We are increasing our outreach and education to residents about batteries, including promotion of the Call2Recycle locations. You can learn more about battery recycling and disposal at www.cuyahogarecycles.org/batteries



Battery recycling has never been more convenient.

Call2Recycle® is the premier battery recycling service program in North America. Since 1996, we've helped thousands of communities, businesses and organizations reduce their waste stream and recycle over 110 million pounds of batteries. Our proven approach allows us to manage your batteries responsibly and seamlessly, while lessening the burden on you.

The program is free—and so are all the services we provide.

From processing standards to collection efforts, from data reporting to environmental compliance, the Call2Recycle program is built on a reputation of ease-of-use, service excellence, transparency and safety to provide you with a complete battery recycling solution.



Thanks to the support of nearly 300 industry stewards, we can provide all these benefits at no cost to consumers.

Dedicated team of professionals: The Call2Recycle customer service team is here to help every step of the way. Give us a call and we'll get you started quickly. We're available to answer your questions and we do what it takes to keep your batteries out of the waste stream.

Convenient, no-cost to consumer recycling solutions: Small or large quantities? One-time shipment or ongoing? Our customer service team will work with you to determine which free program options best meet your needs.

Fully audited, fully documented process: Our strict partner performance standards, extensive compliance package, and dedicated, on-staff Safety & Compliance Manager work to ensure that your Environmental, Health and Safety audit requirements are met.

Transparent reporting: With our unique tracking system, Call2Recycle offers comprehensive reporting and certificates of recycling to give you complete confidence that materials are managed responsibly from collection to recycling.

Generating awareness to drive collections:

Call2Recycle is uniquely positioned to help you educate your audience and increase battery collections with free educational and promotional materials, and dedicated, cooperative marketing campaigns.

Call2Recycle is the first battery recycling program to obtain Responsible Recycling® (R2) certification and e-Stewards recognition by the Basel Action Network (BAN).



Contact us today to learn why 96% of our partners would recommend Call2Recycle to others as the best way to keep batteries out of the landfill.

For more information, please contact:

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Recharging the planet. Recycling your batteries.

Get started today. Visit call2recycle.org.

Terminal Protection Guidelines:

SHIPPING IN CALL2RECYCLE BOXES

TO FURTHER SUPPORT SAFE BATTERY COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION, CALL2RECYCLE ENCOURAGES ONE BATTERY PER BAG. THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ADHERE TO US DOT REQUIREMENTS:

Battery type / Chemistry

Terminal protection required?



Rechargeable
Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn)



Primary* (Select areas only)
Alkaline & Carbon Zinc



Rechargeable
Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb)
Lithium Ion (Li-Ion)



Primary* (Select areas only)
Lithium
Button/Coin Cell

9V or less = **NO** (drop in the box)

Greater Than 9V = **YES**

12V or less = **NO** (drop in the box)

Greater than 12V = **YES**

All = **YES**

Bag it Or tape
the terminals
before placing in box.



(drop in the box)

