

Residential Battery Recycling Program

Who: Lakewood residents

What: As a service to its residents, the City is offering FREE green collection containers for spent household single-use and rechargeable **batteries ONLY**. The following batteries are accepted in this program:



AAA, AA, C, D, button, 9V, including:

- Nickel Cadmium (rechargeable)
- Alkaline/Zinc/Carbon (one time use)
- Nickel Zinc (one time use)
- Silver Oxide (one time use, used in hearing aids)
- Nickel Metal Hydride (rechargeable, used in cell phones)
- Lithium Ion (rechargeable, used in computers)
- Mercury (one time use, used in hearing aids, watches)

Where: These new containers can be obtained at the following locations:

- All green waste drop-off events
- City Hall Public Works counter (during business hours)
- Public Works booth at community events

To recycle the batteries, residents can take their batteries to:

- All green waste drop-off events
- City Hall Public Works counter (during business hours)
- County HHW roundups
- Public Works booth at community events



When: City Hall is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and alternating Fridays.

Why: Universal wastes are certain hazardous wastes that are managed under less stringent regulations. Items such as batteries, fluorescent tubes, non-empty aerosol cans, consumer electronic devices and CRTs, and thermometers are examples of universal waste. In general, universal waste cannot be discarded in solid waste landfills, but exemptions are granted for small quantity generators, like households. As of February 8, 2006, however, this exemption will be eliminated and certain universal waste items cannot be disposed of in the regular trash and must be recycled or taken to a household hazardous waste roundup for proper disposal.

Batteries are one of the items that will no longer be allowed in household trash. So, to assist residents in making it easy to collect and recycle spent household batteries, Public Works has purchased 2,000 home battery collection containers that are now available to residents at no charge.

This new program is a great addition to the rechargeable battery recycling program that exists on a limited basis at retail locations in Lakewood. That program, run by the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC), partners with national retail stores, like Best Buy and The Home Depot, to collect and recycle rechargeable batteries. With the addition of single use batteries in the City program, we hope to increase awareness about the need to properly manage these small, yet hazardous, materials that power so many items necessary to our lives today.

How: E-waste is collected through the Dial-A-Dump program and batteries are collected through this new program. Residents should be told to take these and all other household hazardous waste to a County roundup event or one of the permanent sites located at:

- 1400 N. Gaffey St., San Pedro; Friday-Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 7660 W. Imperial Hwy, Gate B of Hyperion Water Treatment Plant, Playa Del Rey; Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, visit:

www.lakewoodcity.org/r3

www.rbrc.org

www.call2recycle.org

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/UniversalWaste/index.cfm>

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/UniversalWaste/upload/2006_Exemption_Decision_Letter_01-10-06.pdf