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Battery Recycling Q&A and Explanations about the Call2Recycle Program

For use by depot staff to answer resident questions about battery recycling.

Residents who drop off their batteries and/or other materials may ask staff questions about battery recycling. Here are the answers to some common questions:

What batteries can I recycle?

The Call2Recycle battery collection program accepts all single-use and rechargeable household batteries each weighing less than 5 kg.

Why should I recycle my batteries?

Recycling batteries keeps potentially toxic materials out of landfills where they can be harmful to wildlife and the environment. Proper battery recycling also helps reduce potential fire hazards. Materials reclaimed from recycled batteries can be used to make new products.

How much do I have to pay to recycle my batteries?

There is no additional fee for dropping off your used batteries. The Call2Recycle collection and recycling program is funded by battery producers who are obligated to ensure their batteries are recycled at end of life.

What happens to the batteries after I drop them off?

We send the batteries to sorting facilities where they are grouped by their different battery chemistries. Then they go to processing facilities where the metals are reclaimed and used to make new products.

What products are made from recycled batteries?

Reclaimed stainless steel can be used to make new small appliances, sports equipment (bicycles and golf clubs), and other products like jewelry and watches. Other metals and chemicals are used to make elements of cement, and new batteries.

Do batteries have to be dropped off at the depot?

We accept all of your household batteries but you can also recycle them at various major retailers like Canadian Tire, Staples, RONA, The Home Depot, Lowes and Canadian Tire. You can also drop off your used batteries at community centres, and government agencies. To find other drop-off locations near you, go to call2recycle.ca/locator and use the locator tool.

How can I learn more about battery recycling?

You can learn all about battery recycling at call2recycle.ca.