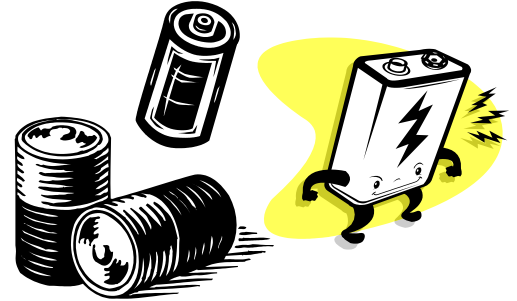




# Battery Recycling: Safe and Legal in Oakland

## WHAT:

- State law bans disposal of single-use batteries
- Batteries must now be separated for recycling



## WHY:

- The state determined that batteries are a hazardous waste, and battery disposal threatens human and environmental health

600 million small, single-use batteries are sold in California every year. These batteries are commonly used to power a wide range of consumer and business products, and only small percentages are recovered for safe recycling or disposal. Batteries contain hazardous, corrosive chemicals that when buried in a landfill may leak out and contaminate surrounding soils, ground water, and surface water.

## SOLUTION:

- Oakland libraries and Parks and Recreation centers provide for the convenient *Battery Recycler* for you to recycle your spent, single-use batteries in.
- Drop them into the *Battery Recycler* collection containers. Photo- and coin-cell lithium batteries must be put in a plastic bag before placing in the *Battery Recycler* collection containers.
- Please DO NOT place rechargeable batteries in the *Battery Recycler* - return them to the store where they were purchased

**BATTERIES ARE  
NOT ACCEPTABLE  
IN RECYCLING OR  
GARBAGE CARTS.**



Batteries and other Household Hazardous Wastes can be dropped off at one of three Alameda County collection facilities. For drop-off site details or for a list of other household hazardous wastes, please visit [Household-Hazwaste.org](http://Household-Hazwaste.org) or call 800-606-6606.



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## Alternatives to Single-Use, Disposable Batteries

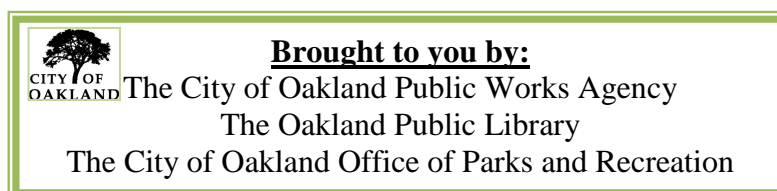
- Reduce use of battery-consuming devices
- Switch to rechargeable batteries

The best and simplest way to reduce the harmful health effects of hazardous wastes is to reduce consumption. Consider the necessity of battery-powered toys and talking books for your kids, and other non-essential battery-powered devices.

Replacing single-use batteries with the latest NiMH (Nickel Metal Hydride) and rechargeable alkaline batteries is also an option. Technology advances have dramatically improved performance of rechargeable batteries in recent years, and most rechargeables are available in common battery sizes. A great fact sheet on rechargeable battery features and performance is available at [Household-Hazwaste.org](http://Household-Hazwaste.org) or by calling **1-877-786-7927**. For a limited time, the City is raffling off rechargeable battery kits, to help promote reducing use of single-use, disposable batteries by Oaklanders. See below for details.

## Enter the Raffle to Win a Rechargeable Battery System (Limited Time Offer)

- From May to August 2007 the City is raffling off rechargeable battery kits at Oakland Public Libraries to promote reducing use and disposal of single-use batteries
- Complete an entry form and drop it into the Battery Recycler to participate in the drawing



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