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Battery Recycling for Tehama County Residents

California state law prohibits the disposal of all batteries (alkaline and rechargeable) as trash in the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill. Alkaline batteries produced in the last few years may not contain mercury, however, they do contain corrosives and heavy metals that pose a threat to people and the environment if released. These toxins can leach into the water supply and contaminate soils if not properly handled. Properly disposing of batteries not only keeps the community free of toxins, but also captures metals for recycling.

Tehama County is one of the few jurisdictions in California that provides free curbside alkaline battery collection through the orange-bag alkaline recycling program. Residents within the City of Red Bluff, the City of Tehama and the unincorporated portions of Tehama County can pick up orange battery bags at the following locations:

Grocery Outlet - Red Bluff	Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill - Red Bluff
Radio Shack - Red Bluff	Tehama County Environmental Health - Red Bluff
Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency- Red Bluff	Los Molinos Hardware - Los Molinos
Walmart Customer Service Counter- Red Bluff	Lake California POA Office - Cottonwood
GreenWaste of Tehama - Red Bluff	

Simply fill the orange-bag with your used alkaline batteries, seal and then place the bag inside your curbside recycling cart or tub. The Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill and Corning Disposal also accept alkaline and rechargeable batteries free of charge for residents that live within the City limits of Corning or do not have recycling service.

As for rechargeable batteries, Assembly Bill 1125 requires retailers that sell rechargeable batteries (cell phones, laptops, cameras, power drills, etc.) to accept and recycle the batteries at no charge to the consumer. Please do not place rechargeable batteries in the orange battery bags.

Small fees apply to businesses and government entities for alkaline battery disposal. Businesses must schedule a drop-off by calling 528-1103.

For more information about the alkaline battery collection program or the proper disposal of other materials, visit www.tehamacountylandfill.com or call the Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency at 528-1103.