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**TEHAMA COUNTY MAKES RECYCLING BATTERIES EASY!**

Do you know what to do with used batteries from electronics, toys, TV remotes, flashlights and other household devices? They should be recycled, as they don't belong in our landfill!

To reduce your costs and battery waste, please use rechargeable batteries as much as possible. Rechargeable batteries save money and are rechargeable hundreds of times. Rechargeable batteries are a good choice for frequently-used devices such as wireless mice/keyboards, radios, cameras, remote controls, regular flashlights, toys, and much more.

The great news is that rechargeable batteries can be recycled for free thanks to funding by the companies that make them. These manufacturers started Call2Recycle, North America's first and largest battery stewardship program. Call2Recycle promotes free retail collection <http://www.call2recycle.org/> for NiMH, NiCD, cellphones, drill batteries, and more at no cost for consumers and businesses alike.

Rechargeable batteries can be recycled at no charge at any retail store that sells rechargeable batteries. Please support businesses that participate in this program including Dollar General Market, Hatfield's Ace Hardware, Home Depot, McCoy Hardware & Farm Supply, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Radio Shack, Staples, Los Molinos Hardware and Walmart.

For the 80% of batteries that are alkaline, there is no manufacturer funded solution. Therefore, the Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency in realizing its residents would be left without a legal alkaline battery disposal option developed an alkaline battery recycling program for residents to utilize using ratepayer dollars.



Jadin, a Tehama County resident, demonstrates how his family recycles alkaline batteries at home.

What's the difference you may ask? Through a manufacturer funded program, only those people that buy batteries pay for the disposal and it also gives the manufacturer an incentive to make their batteries less toxic and more recyclable as they have to help fund the disposal cost. The Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency supports alkaline battery producer responsibility.

Tehama County residents (except for the City of Corning) can recycle alkaline batteries through curbside pickup of batteries in bags as easy as 1-2-3.

- 1 - Pick up battery bags at no charge from a participating location.
- 2 - Fill the bag with the alkaline batteries, seal it and
- 3 - Place it in your curbside recycling bin or cart.

For locations that provide free battery bags visit

<http://www.co.tehama.ca.us/toxics/batteries>. The Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill, Los Molinos Hardware, 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. Businesses must call 528-1103 to schedule an appointment to pay for and recycle their alkaline batteries –all the more reason to use rechargeables!

For more information on producer responsibility and how you can help, visit the California Product Stewardship Council website at: [www.calpsc.org](http://www.calpsc.org).