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LOCAL BUSINESSES MAKE BATTERY RECYCLING EASY - RESIDENTS RECYCLED 258 POUNDS!

(Red Bluff, CA) – The Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency (Tehama County Solid Waste) today announced collection results from their household battery and cell phone retail recycling program’s first 12 months of operation. Thanks to support from residents and the business community, the program collected 258 pounds of batteries and 20 cell phones at collection locations throughout the County including local retailers, public libraries, and the Visitor’s Center at Lassen Volcanic National Park since launching in December 2015!

The collected batteries will be responsibly recycled and remanufactured into new consumer products – not landfilled – thanks to an innovative public-private partnership between Tehama County Solid Waste, the Call2Recycle® battery stewardship program, and local Tehama County businesses, as well as grant funding provided by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

To participate, Tehama County residents simply bring their unwanted batteries and cell phones to one of the eleven convenient collection locations during normal business hours and place them into the collection box. Accepted items include single-use alkaline batteries, rechargeable batteries, and cellphones of any make, model, or age. For a full list of acceptable batteries, visit <http://www.co.tehama.ca.us/toxics/batteries>. Residents should note that items require special preparation to prevent them from sparking inside the collection box: batteries and cell phones must be placed *individually* into plastic bags prior to deposit, or battery terminals (connections) can be taped instead of individually bagging.

The retail battery and cell phone recycling program supplements Tehama County Solid Waste's successful "Orange Bag" curbside battery recycling program that allows GreenWaste of Tehama customers to recycle their single-use alkaline batteries by placing the batteries in a designated orange bag and depositing the bag inside their curbside recycling bin for pick up. Visit www.tehamacountylandfill.com for more information on the Orange Bag program.


"I'd like to thank the business host locations and Call2Recycle for participating in this unique public-private partnership. The program makes recycling all types of household batteries and cellphones more convenient for residents. We are especially excited to offer this service in the City of Corning, where the "Orange Bag" program is not available to residents," said Rachel Ross, Agency Manager of the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency. "Special thanks to Call2Recycle for their partnership on this special project which allows for the collection of single-use alkalines in addition to the rechargeable batteries and cellphones that are normally accepted through their retail program." Ross added. "The Library is the perfect spot to have the boxes, as we have a lot of people coming in every day," said Sally Ainsworth, Acting County Librarian for the Tehama County Library. "They have asked us questions about the collection box and battery bags, which we distribute to the public. It is a great program and we are always happy to do our part for the environment."

Call2Recycle®, North America's first and largest consumer battery stewardship program, collects and recycles cellphones and rechargeable batteries - the types used to power laptop computers, cordless power tools, and more - at no cost to municipalities, businesses and consumers. Since 1996, over 100 million pounds of batteries and cellphones have been diverted from the waste stream through the Call2Recycle® program.

For more information on recycling household batteries, cellphones, and other products, visit the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency website at www.tehamacountylandfill.com or call 530-528-1103.

Tehama County Battery and Cell Phone Business Drop-Off Locations:

Collection Site	Address	Phone
AlSCO Inc.	535 Antelope Boulevard, Red Bluff	(530) 527-4001
Corning Senior Center	1015 4th Avenue, Corning	(530) 824-4727
Gott Country Store	18371 Bowman Road, Cottonwood	(530) 347-9008
Lassen National Park - Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitors Center	21820 Lassen Peak Highway, Mineral	(530) 595-4480
Latimer's Pharmacy	7885 Golden State Highway, Los Molinos	(530) 384-2330
McCoy's Ace Hardware	2060 South Avenue, Corning	(530) 824-2156
Nu Way Market	8049 Golden State Highway, Los Molinos	(530) 384-1563
Sears Hometown Store	570 South Main Street, Red Bluff	(530) 527-6640
Tehama County Library - Corning Branch	740 3rd Street, Red Bluff	(530) 824-7050
Tehama County Library - Red Bluff Branch	645 Madison Street, Red Bluff	(530) 527-0604
Z-Wireless Corning	908 Highway 99 W, Corning	(530) 824-3300

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Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency works to protect public health and the environment in the County of Tehama through integrated, cost effective, and environmentally sound solid waste management. The Agency strives to conserve natural resources, sustain the environment, and reduce solid waste being landfilled through innovative leadership and effective grant and outreach programs that foster a sense of responsibility and inspire action by Tehama County residents. For more information, please go to: www.tehamacountylandfill.com

California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) educates both the public and private sectors about Product Stewardship and closely partners with business, jurisdictions, waste and recycling companies, manufacturers and others to promote and encourage sustainable practices and to recognize those companies who are taking a leadership role in participating in waste reduction. For more information, please go to: www.CalPSC.org.