

Rechargeable and Button Cell Battery Program



Alkaline Batteries fall below Federal and State hazardous waste standards and can be disposed of in the regular trash.

Alkaline batteries include AA, AAA, C, D and 9-V and will have the word “ALKALINE” imprinted on the battery.

Rechargeable and Button Cell Batteries should still be recycled.



Rechargeable batteries can be found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders, and remote control toys.



Rechargeable batteries CAN be recycled at participating retail locations including the following: Radio Shack, Best Buy, Staples, Target, Office Max, Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Wal-Mart and Verizon Wireless. To find a retail collection site use the collection site locator at www.call2recycle.org or call the consumer helpline, 1-877-2-RECYCLE.

Middlesex County will accept rechargeable and button cell batteries at our household hazardous waste (HHW) days. Some municipalities participate in the call2recycle program. They will be listed on the call2recycle website.

Both rechargeable & button cell batteries must be properly prepared before drop off as new Federal regulations have been enacted to prevent short circuiting of batteries during transport. You must individually bag each battery or tape each terminal end prior to recycling.

All alkaline batteries should be thrown away with your regular trash.