



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

# FACT SHEET

GUIDE NO. 11

BATTERIES, YOUR FAMILY & OUR ENVIRONMENT



**When you have the option, choose rechargeable!**

Almost every household has use for some type of battery. From powering your emergency flashlight, to your cell phone, to powering your automobile, batteries are becoming more and more prevalent in today's society.

While it is true that batteries do not represent the highest quantity of products that are put into the landfill everyday, they do cause much of the heavy metal content in the landfills. This includes mercury, cadmium and lead to name a few. Once inside a landfill the heavy metals can leach into our underground water supplies and make their way up the food chain where they can cause health issues for us.

This fact sheet will illustrate the best way for us as citizens to handle our batteries both during and after their usefulness to us.

### Where can I use rechargeable batteries?

- Cameras
- Cell phones
- Computers
- Cordless Phones
- GPS Devices
- Tools
- Toys

## REDUCE / REUSE

### Choose rechargeable over alkaline

By choosing batteries that can be reused you automatically lower the quantity of batteries that will enter the landfills. All major department stores, hardware stores and drug stores as well as specialty battery stores are now selling rechargeable batteries. The next time you need a battery, check to see if they sell a rechargeable version. The initial costs are higher, but you will save money in the long run. Local stores in the Plymouth Township area include:

**ACO Hardware:** Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon

**Batteries Plus:** Ann Arbor Road west of Haggerty

**CVS:** Ann Arbor Road at Haggerty  
Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon  
Ann Arbor Road at Ridge

**K-Mart:** Ann Arbor Road at Haggerty

**Rite-Aid:** Ann Arbor Road at Main Street

## RECYCLE

Recycling of all types of household batteries is available to all of the residents of Plymouth Township!

Batteries can be placed in your orange curbside recycle container (AA, AAA, C, D and 9-VOLT only), taken to various retailers or to a household hazardous waste collection. See the reverse for a listing of local businesses that offer battery recycling.



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## LOCAL BATTERY RECYCLING DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

BATTERY TYPE	RECYCLE LOCATION	DATE & TIME	PREPARATION NEEDED
<b><u>ALKALINE</u></b> AA, AAA C, D, 9-VOLT	Curbside collection container 734-354-3270 extension 4	Regular collection day	Place in sealed plastic baggie inside of orange recycle bin.
	Plymouth Township Hall 9955 N. Haggerty Road north of Ann Arbor Road Division of Public Services (2nd floor)	Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4:30 PM	Place in sealed plastic baggie.
<b><u>RECHARGEABLE DRY CELL</u></b> AA, AAA C, D, 9-VOLT Button Batteries from watches, hearing aids, etc., Camera, Cell Phone, GPS, IPOD, Laptop Computer, PDA, Power Tool, Power Toy	Curbside collection container (AA, AAA, C, D, 9-VOLT only) 734-354-3270 extension 4	Regular collection day	Place in sealed plastic baggie inside of orange recycle bin.
	The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation's "Call 2 Recycle" program is supported by many retailers. They do NOT accept alkaline, lithium and non-rechargeable batteries. Look for drop off boxes at these Plymouth Township area retailers: <u>Batteries Plus</u> : Ann Arbor Rd west of Haggerty 734-254-9815 <u>Home Depot</u> : 5 Mile & Beck 734-207-6147 <u>Lowe's</u> : Ford Rd east of Sheldon 734-355-9200 <u>Office Max</u> : Ford Rd west of Lilley 734-981-0202 <u>Radio Shack</u> : Ford Rd east of Canton Center 734-455-6800 <u>Sam's Club</u> : Ford Rd east of Lotz 734-981-4460 <u>Sears</u> : Westland Shopping Center 734-762-7800 <u>Target</u> : Ford Rd east of Sheldon 734-454-1133	Varies by store	Rechargeable batteries can still contain a charge and may heat up if terminals come in contact with other battery terminals. Minimize risks - place in separate plastic bags. Contact the store for specific requirements.
<b><u>RECHARGEABLE WET CELL</u></b> Auto Boat Tractor etc.	Any retailer who sells batteries will accept them back. Some businesses local to Plymouth Township are listed below: <u>Auto Zone Stores</u> : Wayne Rd north of Ford 734-721-4199 <u>Batteries Plus</u> : Ann Arbor Rd west of Haggerty 734-254-9815 <u>Chuck's Service Center</u> : Main Street next to RR 734-453-7773 <u>Murray's Discount Auto</u> : Ford Rd east of Canton Ctr 734-459-6200 <u>Pep Boys Stores</u> : 8 Mile west of Grand River 248-476-5210 <u>Ryan's Small Engine</u> : Joy Rd at Lilley 734-454-0979	Varies by store	Contact the store for specific requirements.

**Leaking Batteries?** Place cracked or leaking batteries in an acid-resistant, leak-proof container (soup and paint cans or plastic buckets work well) and contact the Solid Waste Department for your disposal options.

For more information regarding rechargeable batteries, see Guide No. 17, "Rechargeable AA, AAA, C, D, 9-Volt Batteries: Then and Now".

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