

Kansas Green Teams

Friday Facts



Answer the call to recycle rechargeable batteries and cell phones for Free!

In our day-to-day lives we use an average of 6 wireless products that use rechargeable batteries. This includes things like cordless power tools, laptop computers and cell phones. This adds up to a lot of rechargeable batteries. Thanks to the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation, [RBRC](#), these don't have to end up in a landfill. Last year the RBRC recycled nearly 7 million pounds of rechargeable batteries. Conserving valuable natural resources. The [RBRC](#) also recycles cell phones. As most folks replace their phones about every 2 years on average, this is a growing source of recyclable material that do not need to go to waste.

[RBRC](#) is a non-profit, public service organization created by the rechargeable power industry and dedicated to recycling rechargeable batteries and cell phones. The [Call2Recycle](#) public education program is the result of manufacturers, marketers, retailers and end user determination to conserve natural resources and prevent rechargeable batteries and cell phones from entering the solid waste stream.

What type of rechargeable batteries and cell phones can be recycled:



If it's rechargeable, it's recyclable! The following rechargeable batteries can be recycled—Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn), and Small Sealed Lead* (Pb). Rechargeable batteries are commonly found in cell phones, cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, camcorders, mp3 players, PDAs, cordless power tools, two-way radios, remote control toys, electric toothbrushes and razors. Look for the [Battery Recycling Seal on the batteries](#). This program does not accept alkaline or non-rechargeable batteries.



Any cell phone and cell phone rechargeable batteries are accepted in the [Call2Recycle](#) program. Household cordless phones, mobile installed or bag phone, two-way radios, walkie-talkies, and pagers cannot be included for recycling.

So you want to know how!



Businesses, communities and public agencies:



1. Sign up online at [www.call2recycle.org](#), RBRC will send you pre-paid, pre-addressed shipping labels, safety instructions and plastic bags. Retailers and community recycling centers open to the public will be listed on their zip code locator and toll-free help lines to encourage residents to recycle. (Public Agencies and businesses will not be listed.) For state agencies, please contact Sandy Barnett at sbarnett@kdheks.gov or 785-296-1617 for more information or to receive your box.

2. Start collecting, place rechargeable batteries and cell phones with or without battery individually in the Call2Recycle plastic collection bag, and then into the box.

3. Once your box is full, ship it using the pre-paid, pre-addressed box. RBRC pays for the shipping and recycling costs and will send you a new box.

At home:

Go through your home and find all those rechargeable batteries and cell phones that are no longer being used. Log onto [www.call2recycle.org](#) or call 1-877-2-RECYCLE to find a participating retailer where you can recycle them. After you drop off your rechargeable batteries and old cell phones, the store will ship them to a recycling and refurbishing facility. Some retailers are AT&T, Best Buy, The Home Depot, Radio Shack, Staples, Target, US Cellular, and Verizon Wireless.



“ the most easily managed waste is material that never becomes waste”

