



## No Cost Program for Recycling of Used Batteries and Cell Phones



The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation, a national non-profit public service organization, provides a **no-cost program, Call2Recycle**, for recycling used rechargeable batteries (ni-cad, nickel metal hydride, nickel zinc, lithium ion and small seal lead batteries; sealed lead batteries need to be 11 lbs. or less) anywhere in the continental United States and Canada. Rechargeable batteries are generated from the operation of various portable electronic devices, including two way radios, cell phones, laptop computers, cordless phones, portable power tools, hand held scanners and printers, emergency lighting and other electronics. The program uses pre-paid, pre-addressed collection boxes for battery shipments to RBRC's contract recycler. Over 50,000 businesses, public organizations, retailers, and governmental agencies use RBRC

collection boxes for recycling of used batteries and cell phones, with 6.9 million lbs. recycled through the RBRC program in 2008. To participate, organizations and companies need to enroll into the program by going to the RBRC website ([www.rbrc.org](http://www.rbrc.org) or [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org)), by calling RBRC at 1-877-723-1297 or by contacting an RBRC regional recycling manager (listed on the website). Each location that signs up receives an RBRC site identification number and is shipped one, two, four, or eight RBRC battery recycling boxes. Each box holds 40-50 lbs. of batteries and comes with safety and usage instructions, and a sleeve of plastic bags. Each battery is required to be placed in a plastic bag prior to shipping. Batteries can be mixed together in the collection box, and cell phones and their chargers can also be recycled along with batteries. Once a box is full, simply seal it up, hand it to your UPS driver when they are making a delivery and begin to use

an empty RBRC box. Replenishment boxes will be shipped automatically. The RBRC recycling program is easy, convenient and free. Data on the number of boxes shipped by enrolled location and the quantity of batteries recycled is maintained by RBRC and can be provided on a periodic basis. Recycling certificates can also be provided. *RBRC is affiliated with and funded by the manufacturers and marketers of rechargeable batteries to provide a no cost national battery recycling program.* RBRC's public education campaign and national recycling program is the result of the rechargeable power industry's commitment to conserve natural resources and prevent rechargeable batteries and cell phones from entering the solid waste stream. RBRC's rechargeable battery recycling program is in accordance with all local, state and federal environmental regulations. Rechargeable batteries are managed as universal waste for recycling, and batteries are shipped directly from

the generator to our processor via UPS ground freight service. Inmetco, RBRC's battery recycling contractor, operates a state of the art, high temperature thermal recovery system to recycle collected batteries and recover various metals and battery constituents. These components are used to manufacture new batteries and other products, such as stainless steel. The RBRC program is recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State of California as a model program for used rechargeable battery management and recycling. For more information on the RBRC program, contact Tim Warren, RBRC's new South Central Regional Recycling Manager, at 636-405-0444, 636-579-9870 (cell), or [twarren@rbrc.com](mailto:twarren@rbrc.com). This program is available to municipalities, businesses and other organizations.



## 2009 Hazardous Waste Collection



**2009 Hazardous Waste Collection**  
Sat. Oct. 3, 2009  
Hillside County Shop  
Highway 54, Casco  
8 am—noon

This program is provided FREE, however **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**  
Call Kewaunee County  
Emergency Mgmt.  
(920) 487-2940

Kewaunee County Hazardous Waste Collections will give farmers, ag businesses and households an opportunity to dispose of unused, damaged, cancelled, banned, or unwanted chemicals, pesticides and household wastes in an environmentally safe manner.

The collection is open to all residents of Kewaunee County. Businesses, industries and institutions cannot participate. Ag collection includes all dairy, livestock, grain, fruit, vegetable and Christmas tree farms as well as nurseries and greenhouses located in Kewaunee County.

Hazardous Waste Collection is a FREE service provided to Kewaunee County residents by grants received from Wisconsin DATCP and the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources.

Pre-registration is required. Participants who haven't pre-registered may be subject to entire cost of waste disposal. Farmers can dispose of up to 200 lbs of chemical and pesticides and each household may bring up to and no more than a combination of liquid or 50 lbs of solid hazardous waste for free disposal.

## Upcoming Programs

**November 10, 2009** (Tuesday), 10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. (#1770-2) – **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIABILITY** – Find out about your personal liability exposure as a local government official. Learn about statutory limits on local government liability under Chapter 893 in the Wisconsin Statutes, issues associated with these limits, and recent proposed law changes. *Raymond J. Pollen of Crivello Carlson, SC and Philip Freeburg, UWEX Local Government Center.*

**December 15, 2009** (Tuesday), 10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. - **EXTENSION OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE** (#1770-3) – The federal government is providing \$7.2 billion in stimulus grants or loans for the extension of broadband infrastructure and capability in unserved and underserved areas. Congress laid out five goals for these funds. Find out the status of the grants/loans in Wisconsin and learn how those receiving stimulus funds will use them

to meet outlined goals. *Will Hughes, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; Jessica Stoller, Department of Commerce; Gary Evanson, Public Service Commission; and, successful award recipients.*

If you are interested in attending a WisLine, contact WisLine Registration, by phone (608) 262-0810. Also remember to call the Kewaunee County UW-Extension Office at (920) 388-7141 to reserve a room for your session.

Other learning options available a few days after the live WisLine, at \$25 each:  
– Purchase a "materials bundle" and receive written materials along with an audio CD of the actual teleconference. Call (608) 262-9961 or visit: [lgc.uwex.edu/WisLines](http://lgc.uwex.edu/WisLines).  
• Purchase audio-streamed program online (requires fast Internet connection) at [lgc.uwex.edu/stream](http://lgc.uwex.edu/stream).

## Residential Open Burning

Burning household trash has been a common practice for many years. Past generations, whose weekly trash was mostly clean or waxed paper and cardboard, found burning to be an efficient and satisfying way to keep house. But times have changed. Today we know that burning household trash creates dioxin and other toxic substances.

Gone forever are smoldering town dumps that once attracted bears, raccoons and other wildlife. These have been replaced by sanitary landfills, refuse drop-off sites and curbside collection. Local recycling programs now collect many materials that were once burned as waste.

**Wisconsin state rules [Administrative Code NR 429] prohibit the burning of most materials including rubber, plastic, recyclable paper and asphaltic materials (shingles, tar paper). Many local government units have even stricter ordinances that prohibit or severely**

**restrict open burning of any kind.**



### What can be Burned?

In addition to cooking, camping, and ceremonial fires, burning of trees, untreated wood, brush and weeds is permitted if consistent with local regulations and fire safety. Always check with your local fire department or fire warden before burning. Over one-third of all Wisconsin forest fires are caused by someone's open burning.

### By Not Burning, You'll Help:

- Reduce air pollution.
- Reduce health risks.
- Keep your neighborhood cleaner.

### Instead of Burning:

- Have your trash collected in a landfill, or drop-off site.
- Recycle paper, cardboard, glass, plastic and metal.
- Compost food and yard waste.

### Acceptable Items for hazardous Waste Collection

#### Pesticides

- 2, 4-d
- 2, 4, 5-T
- Atrazine
- Captan
- Chlordane
- DDT

- Heptachlor
- Lindane
- Malathion
- Parathion
- Toxaphene
- Many others

#### Ag Chemicals

- Acid washes
- Engine cleaners
- Lead paint
- Wood treatment, etc.
- Veterinary supplies
- Solvents

#### Waste Oil

Waste motor oil, free of other contaminants.

#### Plastic Containers

Empty ag chemical containers, 15, 30 & 55 gal. dairy equipment cleaner/teat dip drums. **Please triple rinse all containers**

#### Automotive

- Transmission Fluid
- Degreasers
- Brake fluid
- Anti-freeze
- Fuel
- Ether

#### Home Workshop

- Stripper
- Varnish
- Oil and lead based paint
- Thinner/solvents
- Turpentine

#### Household

- Nail polish remover
- Moth balls
- Silver Polish
- Photography chemicals
- Drain cleaner

#### Batteries

Automotive and tractor batteries will be collected at each site.

#### Lawn and Garden

- Fungicides
- Rodenticides
- Pesticides
- Herbicides

### Unacceptable Items

- Compressed gas cylinders
- Freon 11 and 12
- Infectious and biological wastes

- Fluorescent tubes
- Explosives, ammunition and fireworks
- Radioactives, including smoke alarms
- Tires