

City Hall Now A Drop-Site For Recycled Household Batteries

by Your Public Works Department

If your household uses flashlights, digital cameras, clocks, calculators, watches, laptop computers, portable radios, camcorders, cell phones, hearing aids, pacemakers, battery powered toys, lawnmower starters, metal detectors, rechargeable appliances such as portable power tools, hand held vacuums, and so on, then you have batteries that can be recycled.

Americans purchase nearly 3 billion dry-cell batteries and throw away approximately 179,000 tons of batteries each year. Bat-



teries contain potentially hazardous compounds such as zinc, lead, nickel, alkaline, manganese, cadmium, silver, and mercury, all of which can contaminate our soil and groundwater.

For these reasons, the city has provided a convenient drop-site for household batteries at City Hall. There is a receptacle available in the front office where you are encouraged to drop all AAA, AA, C, D, 2V, 3V, 6V, 9V, 12V-button, 3v-button, or any other household battery. Please do not bring any vehicle batteries.

For more information, go to www.oregonmetro.gov and click on Garbage and Recycling.

