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**THEY KEEP GOING, AND GOING, AND GOING
NEVADA COUNTY LOCATIONS ACCEPT BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING**



Most Nevada County residents know that using rechargeable batteries conserves energy. Rechargeable batteries are also more cost-effective and less toxic than non-rechargeable batteries. What people may not know is that, although preferable to other batteries, rechargeable batteries do contain heavy metals, harmful when they enter the waste stream.

California's "**Rechargeable Battery Recycling Act of 2006**" requires businesses selling rechargeable batteries to offer a free program for returning and recycling the batteries they sell. This is a first - California retailers are required to share the responsibility for collection and recycling of what could be considered a problem product.

It is possible we never go through a day without using a product powered by rechargeable batteries. Think of: MP3 players, laptop computers, PDAs, pagers, personal organizers and cordless or cellular phones. That is not all. Add digital cameras, cordless power tools, camcorders, handheld mini vacuums and remote-controlled toys.

In Western Nevada County, there is never a need for batteries to go into the trash. Fortunately, there are a number of convenient drop-off locations for both rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries, which are listed below:

Rechargeable and Non-Rechargeable Batteries:

Grass Valley Library
Madelyn Helling Library
Rood Administrative Center lobby
Waste Management Mini Barn at SPD Market (Nevada City)
Waste Management Mini Barn at Raley's (Grass Valley)
Loma Rica Recycling Works
A to Z Hardware Store
Holiday Quality Food at Lake Wildwood Center
Lake Wildwood Association Office
Plan It Solar in Penn Valley
Grass Valley City Hall
McCourtney Road Transfer Station
Washington Transfer Station
North San Juan Transfer Station
Longs Drug Stores (Sutton Way and Combie Road)

Rechargeable Batteries ONLY:

Rite Aid
Staples
RadioShack

To learn more about recycling household batteries, visit www.nevadacountyrecycles.com