

Household Batteries

About Disposing of Household Batteries...

Alkaline batteries (AAA, AA, C, D and 9 volt): Since 1994, most types of these common household batteries contain no added mercury, and contain only trace amounts that are not hazardous. These batteries are sometimes marked "no added mercury" or have a green tree logo. Alkaline batteries can be disposed in your regular trash.

Nickel-cadmium rechargeable batteries: NiCads, as they're called, exist in many sizes and shapes and are marked RECHARGEABLE. Some may be built into rechargeable appliances. NiCads contain cadmium, a metal that is toxic to humans when inhaled or ingested. NiCads should not be thrown into your regular trash. NiCads should be saved and brought to Milton's free annual spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Button batteries: These are the small, round, silver-colored batteries used in watches and hearing aids. Many button batteries contain mercury, a metal that is toxic to humans when inhaled or ingested. Button batteries should not be thrown out in trash. Many stores selling watches or hearing aids will accept spent button batteries. As an alternative, these batteries can be saved and brought up to Milton's annual spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Lithium batteries: These can be AA, C, 9 volt and button batteries. They are mainly used in computers and cameras. Lithium is reactive with water, and has caused serious fires. Lithium batteries should not be throw out in trash but brought to Milton's free annual spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Handling

*Store in a secure, dry place out of the reach of children and pets. Button batteries can be swallowed because they are small and slippery.

* When storing rechargeable batteries for collection, keep in a vented, non-metal container. Rechargeable batteries should be placed individually in plastic bags before being stored together with other rechargeable.

CELL PHONES

The Randolph Board of Health collects used cell phones and donates them to The Randolph Fire Dept...

If you have a cell phone that you would like to donate, please bring it up to the Randolph Board of Health

between 9 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mon-Friday A cardboard box with "Cell Phones" marked on it will be in front of the counter.

About Car Batteries:

If you get your vehicle repaired, the dealership or repair person should take your old battery back. As an alternative, old car batteries are accepted at the annual Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day (October 14, 2006).