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Safe Battery Disposal

Batteries are not accepted as trash in California, but they can be recycled. That doesn't mean they can just be placed in your recycling cart. Loose batteries or even batteries in a plastic bag can catch fire from being crushed inside the hauling trucks and at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). However, household batteries can still be recycled through a variety of methods, free of charge.

Those with residential garbage service with Green Waste of Tehama can participate in the Curbside Battery Bag program. This program allows residents to fill the battery bags with alkaline batteries and place them inside the recycling cart. These bright orange bags are made of thick plastic to protect the batteries during the journey inside the hauling truck. When they arrive at the MRF, the bright color catches the attention of the sorters, and they can pull them off the line for processing. For locations that carry the bags, visit the What Goes Where tab at tehamacountylandfill.com or call (530) 528-1103.

For all battery types, including lithium and rechargeable batteries, Tehama County utilizes an All-Battery Box program. These are boxes placed at various locations throughout the county where the public can bag their batteries and place them into the box. For locations, visit the What Goes Where tab at tehamacountylandfill.com or call (530) 528-1103.

Another safe disposal option for all battery types is to bring them to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection. The Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill holds an event on the 2nd Saturday of every month. From May through September, the landfill has an additional event held on the 4th Saturday each month. Corning Disposal holds an event on the 3rd Saturday of every month. All events are 8AM-12PM. Details can be found on the calendar at tehamacountylandfill.com.

If you already have a trip to the landfill planned, you can self-haul your household batteries and place them in the battery collection box on-site.

Be sure to keep an ear out for information on the Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022 that will make safe disposal even easier.

For more information on safe disposal of hazardous materials, visit tehamacountylandfill.com or call (530) 528-1103.