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**Commonwealth Agency Recycling Office**

**Battery Recycling Guide**

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**LEAD ACID BATTERIES**

* Examples include:
  + Car or truck batteries
  + Heavy block batteries used in Uninterrupted Power Sources (UPS) and fixed emergency lights with small tabs for connecting terminals.
* Whether sealed or unsealed, lead acid batteries have scrap value.
* All auto and truck batteries from vehicles serviced by state-managed garages should be returned for credit with the purchase of new batteries from the auto parts supply contract.
* In the Harrisburg area, DGS will collect lead acid batteries and recycle them.
* Outside of Harrisburg, lead acid batteries can go the scrap yard. Agencies should utilize the STD-497 form, so funding is allocated back to your agency.

**RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES**

* Nickel-Cadmium and Lithium-ion
* Examples include batteries from laptops, phones, power tools.
* Much like lead acid batteries, rechargeable batteries hold scrap value and can go to any scrap yard.
* In the Harrisburg area, DGS will collect lead acid batteries and recycle them.
* Outside of the Harrisburg area: In addition to scrap yards, rechargeable batteries can be taken to locations such as Home Depot, Lowe’s and Staples.

**ALKALINE BATTERIES**

* These are not hazardous waste and can be disposed of with everyday trash.
* In Harrisburg, alkaline batteries are collected by the agencies and taken to a recycler by CARO.
* Outside of Harrisburg, if you collect batteries for recycling, be prepared to pay up to $0.50/ lb.
* **Please do not bring your batteries from home. Commonwealth-used batteries only.**

**To request a pick-up in the Harrisburg area, contact CARO: 717-772-2300**