



**WASTE MANAGEMENT AND
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
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TO: MAYOR A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: BATTERY COLLECTION PROGRAMS

DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2023

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise members of General Committee of the changes to the City's Battery Collection Programs for 2023.

Curbside Battery Collection

The City through its current waste collection contract with Waste Connections Canada, has offered a Curbside Battery Collection Program to residential households on an annual basis, during the first full week of November. Curbside Battery Collection was offered under the current waste collection contract as a complimentary service, by the contractor, and is not a requirement of the contract. Due to resourcing pressures and the over-riding objective of meeting contracted service level obligations, Waste Connections Canada is unable to provide this complimentary service in 2023. It is important to note that single use battery recovery and recycling programs were not established at the time the existing curbside waste collection contract was awarded in 2013 which is why curbside battery collection was not specified as a required service in the current contract.

The City commences a new waste collection contract with the Emterra Group on May 1, 2024. Curbside Battery Collection has been included as a requirement in this new contract and the program will resume in November 2024.

Used Battery Drop-Off Boxes

Through an existing partnership with Call2Recycle, the City is providing residents with the opportunity to recycle their household batteries at a variety of locations throughout the City. The Boxes will be located at eight (8) different City facilities (listed below) starting in October 2023 to the end of 2023 and will be available to residents during regular operating hours of each location.

- East Bayfield Community Centre (80 Livingstone St E.)
- City Hall (70 Collier St.)
- Allandale Recreation Centre (190 Bayview Dr.)
- Peggy Hill Community Centre (171 Mapleton Ave.)
- Surface Water Treatment Plant (20 Royal Parkside Dr.)



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- Court Services (45 Cedar Pointe Dr.)
- Barrie Landfill Site (272 Ferndale Dr N.)
- Painswick Library Branch (48 Dean Ave.) Acceptable Batteries include:
- All dry-cell single-use batteries (weighing up to 5kg) including Alkaline (D, C, AA, AAA, 9-volt, etc.), and Lithium Primary. These types of batteries are commonly found in remote controls, car keyless entry remotes, watches, pacemakers, hearing aids, memory back-up fire alarm devices, military electronics, toys etc.
- Dry-cell rechargeable batteries (weighing up to 5kg) including Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Lithium Ion (Li-Ion), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) and Nickel Zinc (Ni-ZN) and Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb). These types of batteries are commonly found in cordless power tools, cordless phones, laptops, cellphones, cameras, two-way radios, etc.

Unacceptable Batteries Include:

- Single and rechargeable batteries weighing more than 5kg
- Automotive batteries

Call2Recycle is providing the City with battery drop-off boxes as well as recycling of the batteries.

In 2024, Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability Department will evaluate the effectiveness of the Battery Drop-off program and the potential to continue it as an additional year-round diversion opportunity, that would complement the annual Curbside Battery Collection program.

Household Hazardous Waste Facility

The City will continue to accept all types of residential batteries (including automotive batteries and other batteries weighing more than 5kg) at the Hazardous Waste Facility located at the Environmental Centre (Landfill), at 272 Ferndale Dr. N. Batteries are accepted during regular operating hours Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm.

Should members of General Committee have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sandy Coulter, Associate Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability at extension 5826.