

COG Recycling Committee on Battery Recycling 3/17/22 Chat

E. Crandell, GSA (Guest)

Yesterday 10:06 AM

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Michele Blair (External)

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MM

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Is there a fee to drop off batteries?, by Raea/ Yuck Old Paint (Guest).

RP

Raea/ Yuck Old Paint (Guest)

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Is there a fee to drop off batteries?

Jen, great presentation! You requested suggestions on incentivizing people to bring their batteries ..., by Susan Schorr (Guest).

SS

Susan Schorr (Guest)

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Jen, great presentation! You requested suggestions on incentivizing people to bring their batteries to collection sites. Since DC has compost drop off sites and should be providing glass drop offs, why not offer all three collection services in the same place?

Who pays and maintains the collection bins at the collection sites. , by E. Crandell, GSA (Guest).

GC

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I missed this, where do alkaline batteries go? Like the AAs?, by Luisa Robles (Guest).

LR

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Yesterday 10:19 AM

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So do you accept the entire sneaker, or ONLY the battery?, by Michelle M (Guest).

MM

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DC will almost certainly feature a battery collection site at the new Benning Road campus, by Adams, Blake (DPW) (Guest).

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DC will almost certainly feature a battery collection site at the new Benning Road campus [Yesterday 10:23 AM] Serrona, Kevin Roy B. (Guest)

With the stewardship program, what are some of the specific roles of the DC government in its implementation?

[Yesterday 10:23 AM] E. Crandell, GSA (Guest)

Are there plans for a bulk drop-off? I.e. Federal Government Earth Day than after event drop-off.

[Yesterday 10:23 AM] Chow, Rita (Guest)

Will the alkaline and rechargeable batteries be collected in separate bins?

[Yesterday 10:27 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

Would you accept the entire shoe, or just the battery?

[Yesterday 10:27 AM] Raea/ Yuck Old Paint (Guest)

Does C2R require people to tape the +/- ends of the alkaline batteries before depositing? I've heard of cities cancelling their battery recycling programs because they can't find volunteers nor have the staff to implement this requirement.

[Yesterday 10:27 AM] Dickman, Jen (DOEE) (Guest)

Here is a link to the battery law - <https://code.dccouncil.us/us/dc/council/code/titles/8/chapters/7E>

[Yesterday 10:38 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

How do you assure the safe shipping of batteries sent to you for recycling?

[Yesterday 10:40 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

EPA has more recently labeled Alkaline (AA, C,,D) as "safe to throw in trash" - how do we now convince people that they CAN and SHOULD be recycled instead of trash (free/easy)?

[Yesterday 10:41 AM] Erik Grabowsky

Can you discuss the taping and bagging requirements? Thanks.

[Yesterday 10:43 AM] Chow, Rita (Guest)

Do the consumers do the bagging and taping?

[Yesterday 10:43 AM] Luisa Robles (Guest)

Yes please, that graphic on batteries would be great to have.

[Yesterday 10:46 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

Can you take locally-collected-recycled glass from municipal programs to make your CellBlockEX??

[Yesterday 10:47 AM] Emily Wenger (Guest)

what happens to a battery/cellblock that has been used and maybe fused/melted together? can the materials be separated and recycled?

[Yesterday 10:50 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

is the CellBlock material able to be recycled once the drums are unpacked?

[Yesterday 10:51 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

WHERE are these people "recycling" their single-use alkaline batteries?

[Yesterday 10:56 AM] Hayes, Tony (Guest)

How common do battery fires occur at collection sites supported by Call2Recycle collection boxes?

[Yesterday 10:56 AM] Suzanne (Guest)

Are the cell containers being used at drop sites to protect the store from fires in the collection

[Yesterday 10:57 AM] Suzanne (Guest)

from fires at the collection site?

[Yesterday 10:57 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

So residents think they are "recycling" their batteries, but are actually contaminating their curbside recycling bin...

[Yesterday 10:58 AM] Susan Schorr (Guest)

Unfortunately, this DC website <https://zerowaste.dc.gov/> What Goes Where says to put alkaline batteries in the trash or drop them off at Fort Totten. Could our friends at DPW and DOEE update this with the 9 public drop off sites mentioned by Sean?

[Yesterday 11:00 AM] Dickman, Jen (DOEE) (Guest)

if you're talking about the Call2Recycle voluntary sites, my understand is that they only accept rechargeable batteries, not single-use currently

[Yesterday 11:00 AM] Dickman, Jen (DOEE) (Guest)

*my understanding

[Yesterday 11:03 AM] McGough, Chris (Guest)

Sean: curious what you think about curbside collection programs (such as separate collections of batteries and electronics) as potentially complimentary to collection sites. Valuable long term strategy or overly complicated/dangerous?

[Yesterday 11:06 AM] Serrona, Kevin Roy B. (Guest)

What happens to the battery boxes once they are collected and emptied?

[Yesterday 11:07 AM] McGough, Chris (Guest)

Thanks!

[Yesterday 11:07 AM] Erik Grabowsky

How compliant is the public generally in properly taping their batteries? Is this a big problem

[Yesterday 11:09 AM] Raea/ Yuck Old Paint (Guest)

@ERIK-- I know cities that have cancelled their battery recycling programs bc they are overwhelmed and can't keep up with the taping requirements bc the public doesn't/ won't do it...

[Yesterday 11:10 AM] Suzanne (Guest)

So EVERY kind of battery we send for recycle, should be taped ?

[Yesterday 11:11 AM] Daryl Braithwaite (Guest)

My past experience with battery drop offs is that the weight of even a small collection container can be overwhelming. How do facilities generally handle the weight issue?

[Yesterday 11:12 AM] Dickman, Jen (DOEE) (Guest)

Since it might be difficult for the public to figure out the chemistry/voltage - do you recommend they all be taped regardless?

[Yesterday 11:20 AM] Susan Schorr (Guest)

John, would you consider a future session on how to manage recycling and disposing of electric vehicle batteries since the EV market is growing. thanks!

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[Yesterday 11:22 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

Did you get Vape shops to be partner drop off sites for battery recycling?

[Yesterday 11:24 AM] Christen, Catherine (Guest)

could you drop the digital toolkit link into the chat?

[Yesterday 11:26 AM] John Snarr

toolkit <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X3G8wSILWnzMaOkRpE19CeT2TZUISYwO>

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[Yesterday 11:30 AM] Erik Grabowsky

Is your material copyright or can we borrow it?

[Yesterday 11:30 AM] Anne Germain

I came a little late --- so this may have been answered --- was the impetus for this a fire?

[Yesterday 11:31 AM] Anne Germain

Has there been any tracking of batteries at the MRF to see if there's a decline in batteries?

[Yesterday 11:36 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

Solid Waste/Recycling operators opportunity for recognition and networking: SWANA Mid-Atlantic Regional ROAD-E-O (open to public or private, MD, DC, DE, PA, NJ and beyond!) May 12/13, Cecil Co MD. <https://www.keystoneswana.org/2022-Mid-Atlantic-Regional-Road-E-O>

[Yesterday 11:37 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

ROAD-E-O also needs volunteers to assist in judging and scoring, open to ANY employees!

[Yesterday 11:39 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

Maryland Recycling Network/SWANA Mid-Atlantic joint conference, June 23rd (in person!) BWI Marriott, open for registration, exhibits, and sponsors:
https://marylandrecyclingnetwork.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=685083&item_id=1573075

[Yesterday 11:40 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

MRN Webinar, Tuesday March 29, Unique Public-Private Partnership to Modernize Baltimore's Recycling Collection and Infrastructure

https://marylandrecyclingnetwork.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=685083&item_id=1626808

[Yesterday 11:41 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

MRN Tour Camden Yards/M&T Stadium Recycling and Waste Management Tour Thursday, April 7,
https://marylandrecyclingnetwork.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=685083&item_id=1638760

[Yesterday 11:44 AM] Christen, Catherine (Guest)

Any ideas about intersection of all this hard work with getting public to embrace not infinitely expanding battery use, at least not into frivolous stuff like greeting cards? How "greener" and going electric still requires sustainability consciousness

[Yesterday 11:47 AM] Raea/ Yuck Old Paint (Guest)

HI JERMAINE-- CALL ME: 888-509-YUCK

[Yesterday 11:48 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

Blub Crusher makes HAZARDOUS MATERIAL! Recycle the bulbs WHOLE and it is NOT Hazardous!

[Yesterday 11:49 AM] Michele Blair

Sean -- do you think the One Drum is a viable option for a smaller municipality?

[Yesterday 11:49 AM] Erik Grabowsky

Sean, How much cellblock is required for a 55 gallon drum of batteries to not require individual battery taping?

[Yesterday 11:52 AM] Michelle M (Guest)

see chat info for other events coming up in our area

[Yesterday 12:00 PM] Howard Lee (Guest)

Helen had to jump on another call

[Yesterday 12:15 PM] Luisa Robles (Guest)

I need to log off but I'll see you later.

[Yesterday 12:17 PM] Raea/ Yuck Old Paint (Guest)

Yuck Old Paint and W*USA 9 collected **13 tons of paint** and diverted it away from DMV landfills at their inaugural #EnvironmentMatters event last month

[Yesterday 12:17 PM] Raea/ Yuck Old Paint (Guest)
Dulles Town Center was 5.5 tons of paint alone

[Yesterday 12:17 PM] Raea/ Yuck Old Paint (Guest)
300+ households participated

[Yesterday 12:20 PM] Howard Lee (Guest)

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/EarthDay>

Earth Day

The theme for Alexandria Earth Day 2022 is Invest in Our Planet.
www.alexandriava.gov

[Yesterday 12:20 PM] Adams, Blake (DPW) (Guest)

DC's Office of Waste Diversion has 2 open job postings but they are closing soon!

Job ID: 15939 – Data Specialist

Job ID: 15945 – Sustainability Analyst

Deadline to Apply: This Friday at Midnight

Visit www.careers.dc.gov to apply.

[Yesterday 12:22 PM] Campbell, Deborah K. (Guest)

PW County Engineer III Position # 899051; dcampbell@pwcgov.org

[Yesterday 12:23 PM] Michelle M (Guest)
send your job announcements to MRN and SWANA!

[Yesterday 12:35 PM] Debbie Spiliotopoulos

prefer online

[Yesterday 12:35 PM] Culler, Rebecca (Guest)
Frederick county prefers virtual

[Yesterday 12:35 PM] Campbell, Deborah K. (Guest)

September?

[Yesterday 12:36 PM] Culler, Rebecca (Guest)

It's massively helpful for us

[Yesterday 12:36 PM] Kao, Eileen

prefer the upcoming meeting remains virtual or hybrid...

[Yesterday 12:37 PM] Rogers, Daniel L. Jr (Guest)

thank you.

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