



## Rules changing for Morris County battery recycling

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MORRISTOWN -- The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority will no longer accept alkaline batteries for recycling.

Changes in federal regulations combined with less hazardous battery components mean the typical household AAA, AA, C, D and 9-volt batteries now fall below federal and state hazardous waste standards and should be tossed out in the trash, said Larry Gindoff, solid waste coordinator for the MUA.

"Manufacturers have eliminated mercury content to the point that the typical use-once household battery is no longer considered hazardous," Gindoff said.

However, rechargeable batteries found in cordless power tools, digital cameras and cellular phones still must be recycled by

bringing them to battery drop-off sites, at no cost, under the Call2Recycle program.

Drop-off locations include Home Depot, Lowe's, Best Buy, Radio Shack and Verizon Wireless stores. Collection sites can be found by calling 1-877-2-RECYCLE or by visiting [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org).

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