

Recycling Rules are Changing: Bulbs and Batteries Have New Directives

Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District Encourages Residents to Look to New Resources

GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO — May 16, 2017 — Did you ever wonder what you should do with fluorescent bulbs and rechargeable batteries once you're done using them? Neither should go in curbside recycling, so what do you do with those batteries and bulbs?

In the past, you might have included them with other household hazardous waste items and taken them to your city service department for proper disposal.

Today, there's an alternative that doesn't cost taxpayers any money and is just as simple. Now you can take household compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) to any Home Depot or Lowe's Home Improvement store. It's free.

There is also a free, nationwide program to recycle rechargeable batteries through an organization called Call2Recycle. Call2Recycle has numerous drop-off locations including Best Buy, Home Depot and Lowe's Home Improvement stores in Cuyahoga County. To find a location near you, search with your zip code at www.Call2Recycle.org or call 1.877.2.RECYCLE.

Once processed at Call2Recycle, batteries are recycled into a variety of new products including steel, stainless steel, silverware, golf clubs and new batteries.

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About The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District is the public agency helping the people of Cuyahoga County reduce, reuse and recycle at home, at work and in our communities. We serve as the leading resource in the County for information, expertise and programs that support sustainable materials management and reduce the environmental impact of waste. Visit www.CuyahogaRecycles.org or call 216.443.3749 to learn how to recycle in your community and discover other recycling and disposal options.

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