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Madison Launches Household Battery Recycling

The City of Madison has started a drop off program for the recycling of household batteries. Madison residents can recycling their single use household batteries (A, AA, AAA, C, D, etc) by bringing them to the City's two full service drop off sites as well as two Metcalf's Market locations and the Williamson St. Co-op.

"At the urging of Mayor Paul Soglin, the Streets Division has been testing this program for the past year and a half," Madison recycling coordinator George Dreckmann said. "We are now ready to commit to running the program on a permanent basis."

Madison residents can recycle their household batteries at the following locations;

City of Madison Drop Off Site, 4602 Sycamore AV
City of Madison Drop Off Site, 1501 W. Badger RD
Metcalf's Market, 726 N. Midvale BL (Hilldale Mall)
Metcalf's Market, 7455 Mineral Point RD
Williamson St. Co-op, 1221 Williamson ST

"Household battery recycling is expensive because there is not a lot of recyclable material in them," Dreckmann stated. "It costs \$1,300 per ton to get the old batteries recycled compared to making them our most expensive program."

Funds for the program come from savings realized from changes in the electronics recycling program. The batteries are being handled by Universal Recycling Technologies, the City's electronics processor.

For more information on the program residents can visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets , email gdreckmann@cityofmadison.com , or call the City Recycling office at 267-2626.

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