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Resource Recovery: Batteries Now Included

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(Green Bay, WI) Just about every device these days contains some type of battery. From our toothbrushes to our phones, batteries keep us going. But when they run out of juice, what do you do with them? Now you can take them to [Brown County Resource Recovery](#), where you can recycle them for FREE!

Proper disposal of batteries and battery-containing devices is critically important. In recent months, recycling and waste facilities all over the country have been experiencing an increase in fires due to batteries being disposed of improperly, creating a health and safety hazard for the facilities and their workers. “When batteries are thrown in the garbage or recycling, they can easily get damaged and start fires in our waste facilities,” explains Mark Walter, Business Development Manager for Brown County Resource Recovery. “Providing an option that makes it easier for community members to correctly dispose of batteries can lower the risk of danger to facilities and employees.”

Brown County’s [Hazardous Material Recovery facility \(HMR\)](#) is now accepting all types of household batteries (button cell, AA, AAA, C, D, F, nickel cadmium, nickel metal-hydride and lithium ion) and battery containing devices. If a device makes noise, moves or lights up without being plugged in, it contains a battery. Devices where the battery is not designed to be removed like phones, power banks, wireless headphones, electric razors, tablets and even toy robots can all be disposed of free of charge at the HMR. Fees will still apply to automotive batteries as well as lead and lithium iron phosphate batteries. For battery powered devices where the battery is designed to be removed, the removed household battery is free to recycle, but the remaining device is subject to a small recycling fee.

“For Brown County residents, this is a hassle-free option to dispose of batteries and battery containing devices,” said Walter. “You’ll be doing the right thing for the environment and for the safety of our employees and facilities.”

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The HMR facility, located at 2561 S. Broadway, is open to all Brown County residents and businesses, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 12 – 6 p.m. **Before bringing batteries to the HMR, store in a non-metal, leak proof container.**

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The purpose of the Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department is to meet the solid waste disposal needs of local communities and businesses through methods which are environmentally sound and economical. Through the department's partnership with Tri-Country Recycling which serves Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago counties, they are able to provide a more cost-effective sorting and marketing of curbside collected recyclable materials that are banned from landfill disposal.

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