



MEDIA RELEASE

DID YOU KNOW? BATTERIES

All types of batteries can be recycled at the Waste Management Centre.

If you have a look around your house, particularly if you have children, you might be surprised at the number of batteries you have. Batteries can either be single use - commonly used in toys, watches, smoke alarms, torches, remote controls and radios. Rechargeable batteries are commonly found in mobile phones, laptops, cameras, cordless tools, cordless vacuums and shavers.

Batteries contain different types of heavy metals and toxic elements depending on the type of battery including carbon-zinc, manganese dioxide, lithium, silver-zinc, nickel-cadmium, nickel metal hydride, mercury and lead. Please ensure you separate your batteries for recycling at the Waste Management Centre. If you comeingle batteries in your general 'non-recyclable' waste, they will be directed to Headstone where they will be burnt and disposed of into the ocean.

Next time you need to buy batteries, consider purchasing rechargeable batteries and a battery charger. Rechargeable batteries can be used up to 1000 times saving you money and reducing the amount of waste you are generating. In addition, you are saving energy and reducing environmental impacts that are associated with the manufacture of single use batteries, which includes the extraction of the virgin minerals through mining.

Avoid buying toys that require batteries and if you have the options for a battery-operated device to use a main power source, opt for the main power source where possible.

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