



## *Environmental Preservation through Rechargeable Battery & Cell Phone Recycling*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that more than 350 million rechargeable batteries are purchased annually in the U.S. These batteries are used to power cell phones, digital cameras, laptops, cordless power tools, radios, toys and other portable electronics. As wireless technology advances, batteries have become an everyday essential in countless applications. Unfortunately, with all this consumption comes a great deal of waste. But there is a solution.



A typical rechargeable battery can be recharged up to 1,000 times, but once it loses its charge, it should be recycled. Recycling rechargeable batteries and cell phones is an easy way to protect the environment.

### **How to Recycle Batteries & Cell Phones**

Call2Recycle® is the only free rechargeable battery and cell phone collection program in North America. Since 1996, Call2Recycle has diverted 70 million pounds of rechargeable batteries from local landfills and established a network of 30,000 recycling drop-off locations.

To find a collection location in your community, visit [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org) and enter your zip code. You can also take them to participating retailers - where you already shop, including RadioShack, Best Buy, The Home Depot, Lowe's, Staples, Sears and many others.



### **Recycling at Your Convenience**

Recycling batteries and cell phones is easy and free – just bag it, seal it and drop it! When you use a Call2Recycle collection kit at a business, retail or municipal location, you will place your battery into a provided, self-adhesive plastic bag, and drop it into a Call2Recycle box. Any rechargeable battery or cell phone that weighs up to 11 lbs will be accepted.



Once the box is full, it is shipped for free to a recycling facility that melts the batteries and uses the metals to make new products.

### **Tips for maximizing your cordless electronic products' battery life:**

- Always follow the charging guidelines provided by the manufacturer. There are specific recommended battery charging times for each individual product before using it for the first time.
- Never return a fully-charged battery to the charger for an extra boost. This will shorten the life of the battery.
- **Do not** leave your rechargeable battery in the charger when not charging.
- Let a discharged battery cool to room temperature before recharging.
- When they no longer hold a charge, make sure to recycle your old one! To find a drop-off location nearest you, visit [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org).