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## Where to Recycle Batteries in Altadena

There are three places in town where you can legally dispose of used batteries: Webster's Liquor, Altadena Hardware and Master's Building Supply.

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A group of 39 businesses, including three in Altadena, are part of a pilot program to increase the locations where consumers can legally dispose of batteries.

Since 2006, it has been illegal to simply throw batteries in the garbage. The elements in those batteries can lead to groundwater and soil contamination.

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) received a \$395,966 grant to start a pilot program for recycling the batteries, according to Heidi Sanborn of the California Product Stewardship Council.

At the [following interactive map site](#), Los Angeles County residents can find the recycling location closest to them. For Altadenans, those locations are:

- [Webster's Liquor](#)
- [Altadena Hardware](#)
- [Master's Building Supply](#)

Sanborn provides the following instructions on recycling:

*Residents can bring any household batteries (rechargeable or alkaline that weigh less than 11 lbs.) and cell phones to the take-back locations. Signs on store windows identify take-back locations. Customers can turn in their batteries at the marked battery recycling boxes inside the store. Simple instructions on how to safely recycle batteries are located on each take-back box. Full boxes of batteries are mailed to recycling facilities at no charge to the participating businesses.*

According to Sanborn, a survey done by the SGVCOG as part of the program showed that about 60 percent of area residents were aware of the 2006

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Fantastic! Thanks for posting the info. I've been holding onto spent batteries for years not knowing what to do with them.

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12:47pm on Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Handy information... Do you know if the battery drop off sites will also take used lightbulbs?

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Yes, especially the new CCFL litebulbs.. which contain Mercury... really REALLY need to be recycled instead of sending them to the landfill. Mercury is bad, bad, bad.

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I know OSH takes the bulbs. Can't say about the others listed above

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There are green bags for recycling light bulbs and can be found at most drop off locations. Drop off sites are at Senior Centers and most hardware stores. You can contact City of Pasadena Water and Power and they can give you a list of additional sites.

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[Heidi Sanborn](#)

8:36pm on Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Thanks for asking! As part of the same grant, the SGVCOG is also working to make it easier to recycle fluorescent lights which all contain mercury. On Saturday and Sunday Sept. 24 & 25, Southern California Edison has agreed to accept those lamps for recycling at the lamp exchange event at the Kmart in Covina from 8 am - 1pm. For details on that event and information on other retailers that recycle them and public hazardous waste events, go to <http://sgvcog.org/index.cfm/Lamp-Recycling.cfm>.

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