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San Dimas Businesses Collect Batteries Making Recycling Easier

Forty businesses across the San Gabriel Valley, including two in San Dimas, have committed to being take-back sites for household batteries. This pilot program aims to increase battery recycling within the city and throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) received a \$395,966 grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) in part to facilitate a pilot-recycling program for household batteries.

The following locations are participating in San Dimas as a battery take-back sites:

1. [Digital Technology-Audio-Visual, 143 South Eucla Ave.](#)
2. [Seniors Helping Seniors, 119 East Arrow Hwy.](#)

San Dimas residents can bring any household batteries (rechargeable or alkaline that weigh less than 11 lbs.) and cell phones to these take-back locations, or any location across the San Gabriel Valley. This means that old lithium-ion cell phone and camera batteries along with traditional AAA-D batteries can be brought to the same convenient take-back location.

[Signs on store windows](#) identify take-back locations. Additionally, you can see a map with all forty take-back locations at www.SGVCOG.org/batteryrecycling. Customers can deposit 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.

The SGVCOG is working to make battery recycling more convenient by partnering with local businesses to become battery take-back locations and with the national battery producers through the [Call2Recycle[®] program](#) which is paying for all shipping and recycling costs.

Stores that would like to promote the program can [download brochures to print](#) or order [brochures](#) to be mailed to them by e-mailing Heidi@calpsc.org or calling (916) 706-3420.

The State of California banned batteries from disposal in landfills in 2006 because batteries are corrosive and some contain heavy metals, and valuable metals like zinc and cadmium, which are needed to make new products, particularly electronics. The presence of batteries in landfills can also degrade soil, leading to groundwater contamination and other environmental hazards.

This project could be a model for a future state or nationwide battery-recycling program.

For more information about the battery recycling program contact Nicholas Conway, SGVCOG Executive Director at (626) 457-1800. To learn more about extended producer responsibility or California Product Stewardship Council go to www.calpsc.org or contact Heidi Sanborn, CPSC Executive Director at (916) 706-3420. For more information about CalRecycle go to www.calrecycle.ca.gov.