

## Recycling Batteries

**Alkaline Batteries** – cylinder-shaped batteries used in flashlights and toys, have been much safer since 1992. Wrap them in a plastic bag and dispose of them with your regular trash.

**Rechargeable Batteries** – found in cell phones, tools, and some toys, contain heavy metals such as nickel, cadmium, lithium and lead which are quite toxic. All City of Plano libraries have collection boxes for these batteries. In addition, most can be recycled by returning them to the store where they were purchased or you can drop them off at several local retail stores. Reference the battery drop-off listing for Plano, TX at [call2recycle.org/locator](http://call2recycle.org/locator) or call **800.8.BATTERY** for the location nearest you.

**Button Cell Batteries** – found in watches and hearing aids, contain mercury, silver, cadmium, lithium or other heavy metals. They are recycled to reclaim the valuable material and decrease the hazard to the environment. Many shops that replace watch and hearing aid batteries will accept your batteries for recycling at no charge. Plastic-lined collection/shipping containers can be purchased from MERECO by calling 800.833.3505.

**Lead-Acid Batteries** – used in automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, boats, forklifts, golf carts, lawn and garden tractors, and wheelchairs can be recycled by scheduling a Household Chemical Collection with Environmental Waste Services Customer Service at 972.769.4150.

**Uninterrupted Power Supply Batteries** – once a standard part of personal computers, these batteries can be recycled at Batteries Plus, 1725 N. Central Expressway, Suite 101, Plano, TX 75074. 972.423.6100. They will also accept all rechargeable batteries.