



**REGIONAL DISTRICT  
OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN  
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**New Household Battery Recycling Depots**

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The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is now providing free household battery recycling at select local businesses in Oliver and Penticton.

Batteries contain corrosive acids and a number of toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and mercury. Batteries make up only a small part of the waste stream but can potentially pollute soil and water for hundreds of years. Recycling allows the valuable materials in batteries to be re-used rather than lost in the landfill.

Currently the RDOS accepts all batteries free of charge at:

- Campbell Mountain (Penticton) Landfill
- Oliver Landfill
- Okanagan Falls Landfill
- Keremeos Landfill

The RDOS now has free drop off depots for all household batteries at:

- PACE E-Waste Recycling, 103-105 Martin Street (on Estabrook Ave), Penticton
- Rona Home Centre, 348 Duncan W, Penticton
- Home Hardware, Oliver Place Mall

Household batteries include those lettered batteries labeled AAAA to D and any other battery roughly the size of your fist. Larger batteries, such as automotive batteries, should be taken directly to a landfill for recycling. Residents can drop off household batteries at the locations above during business hours. Place batteries in bags and try to separate rechargeable batteries from non-rechargeable batteries when possible.

Other Options

Rechargeable batteries including power tool, camera and cell phone batteries can also be recycled at a number of other locations around the RDOS. Visit the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Council at [www.rbrbc.org](http://www.rbrbc.org) or call the Recycling Council of BC at 1-800-667-4321 for locations.

Specialized batteries for hearing aids and watches can often be returned to repair shops for those items. Automotive batteries can be recycled free of charge at all RDOS landfills and many automotive repair shops and vehicle salvagers. Contact the Recycling Council of BC at 1-800-667-4321 for a list of locations.

For further information on battery recycling please contact Cameron Baughen, Solid Waste Management Coordinator, at 250-490-4129 or e-mail [info@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:info@rdos.bc.ca) .

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