



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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SCMUA REMINDS RESIDENTS TO “AVOID THE SPARK”

While they may not power up your devices anymore, used batteries can contain a residual charge that could create a potential spark if not properly recycled. Improper battery disposal has caused an increased number of fires in New Jersey recycling centers, solid waste facilities and garbage trucks, resulting in millions of dollars in damage and putting lives in danger.

Rechargeable batteries, such as lithium ion, should never be placed in trash or recycling bins. Instead, residents should tape the battery terminals or place them into individual plastic bags and bring them to a collection site. Residents can find the closest battery drop-off site by calling 1-877-2-RECYCLE or www.call2recycle.com.

“As more toys, power tools and other small electronic devices utilize rechargeable batteries, we need every Sussex County resident to be diligent in identifying and properly recycling these potentially hazardous batteries. By increasing battery safety awareness, we can prevent potential incidents at our landfill”, said SCMUA Recycling Coordinator, Dawn Latincsics.

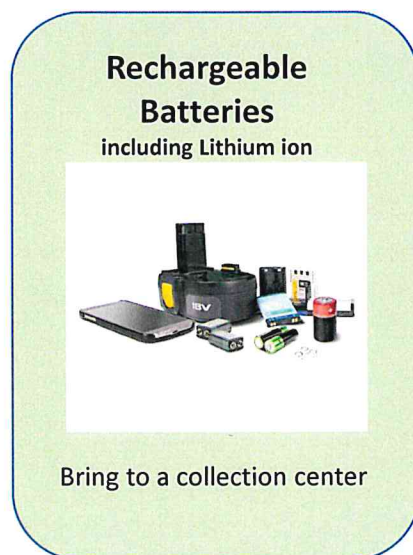
The Sussex County MUA provides rechargeable battery collection at its Recycling Center located at 34 Route 94, Lafayette every day of operation: Monday-Saturday, 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Residents with questions about used batteries can find helpful materials at www.avoidthespark.com.



Lithium Battery Safety Alert

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