

NON-RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES NO LONGER BEING RECYCLED!

Common non-rechargeable household batteries (in such sizes as A, AA, AAA, C, D and 9V) no longer contain mercury and manufacturers have substantially reduced the content of other heavy metals in these batteries. Before October 2009, the County had accepted over 50 tons of these batteries every year, at a cost of over \$100,000.00 to send the household batteries to special refineries for handling as hazardous waste. New transportation requirements for all batteries now in effect would double these annual costs. These batteries can now be safely disposed with your regular household trash. The County no longer accepts these batteries.

RECHARGEABLE AND 'BUTTON' BATTERIES ARE STILL RECYCLED!

Rechargeable batteries include additional heavy metal components. Some of these batteries may look like common household batteries, but will say 'rechargeable' on the case. Fortunately, the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC), an industry-sponsored group, accepts these batteries in special collection boxes provided at many retail outlets. You can visit www.rbrc.org or call 1-877-2-RECYCLE to locate collection outlets near your neighborhood (or order a free battery recycling kit for your office or institution).

Those small silver 'button batteries' used in many electronic consumer products can contain up to 25 mg of toxic mercury. The Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste Program will continue to accept these button batteries, as well as any rechargeable batteries.