

ALKALINE BATTERY RECYCLING

What do you do with old batteries? Are you uncomfortable with the recommendation to throw them into the landfill? Have you lived in a place that had Household Hazardous Waste Pickup and do you question the wisdom of burying them in the ground? The rechargeables can be taken to Cole's Hardware or Best Buy for recycling, but what about old alkalines? You may already have switched to rechargeables, but still not know what to do with that persistent stash of spent disposables...

The Otzinachson Group of the Sierra Club is pleased to announce that the Big Green Box (biggreenbox.org) battery recycling program is available in Union County for your convenience. Deposit your batteries while the program continues and as each box fills (with up to 40 pounds of batteries), it will be shipped to Ohio for recycling to the greatest extent possible.

To participate, bring your alkaline batteries to the Mondragon Coop Bookstore at 430 Market St in Lewisburg between 11 and 7, Wednesday through Friday or between 11 and 4, Saturday and Sunday. Ask for the battery box.

*Fine print: alkaline batteries from AAA to 9-volt may be put in the box as is, BUT any non-alkaline, button cell, cell phone, or rechargeables **must be individually packed in plastic or have their terminals taped**. Otherwise they pose a fire hazard. Delivery trucks can turn into burned-out hulks if you fail to follow these instructions. Please separately wrap any non-alkaline batteries. There is a supply of zip closure bags attached to the box. Also remember that you can recycle non-alkalines elsewhere in our community. Please reserve the space in these boxes for these hard-to-deal-with cells.*

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Thanks for your participation. Any questions can be directed to sam.z.pearson@gmail.com or 570.522.8159.