



## **Recycling Rechargeable Batteries and Cell Phones**

The Call2Recycle® program for rechargeable battery and cell phone recycling is available to residents, retailers, businesses, communities, municipalities and public agencies in the U.S. and Canada. The program was created in 1994 and is funded by battery and product manufacturers to raise awareness about the importance of battery recycling and to promote product stewardship initiatives.

The program collects rechargeable batteries and cell phones for recycling through collection locations in the U.S. and Canada. Collection locations consist of retailers, businesses, communities, municipalities and public agencies. There is no cost to participate or to recycle through the Call2Recycle program. When collection locations are set up to use Call2Recycle collection kit, they will automatically receive additional boxes and materials when their inventory runs low.

Collection locations ship batteries and cell phones for recycling to INMETCO in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania for sorting before the materials are prepared for the recycling process. New batteries and stainless steel products are made from the precious metals recovered from used batteries. Cell phones are recycled, refurbished and/or resold. None of the broken down material makes its way into landfills.

***To participate in the FREE rechargeable battery program go to:***

**<http://www.call2recycle.org/sign-up.php?c=1&d=366&e=368&f=373&g=451&w=9400&r=Y>**

**Enter your contact information on the form. In the comments section enter WasteCap Nebraska's Parent ID number- 105341**

## **Recycling Toner Cartridges, Cell Phones and other small electronic devices**

Cartridges For Kids pays for cell phones, inkjet & laser cartridges, laptops, iPods, PDAs, video games & consoles, scientific & graphing calculators, digital cameras, DVDs and GPS devices. They provide free shipping from your location. They will pay WasteCap Nebraska for the materials you send to them for recycling.

***To enroll in this FREE sponsorship program go to:***

**<http://www.cartridgesforkids.com/sponsorenroll.html> Enter WasteCap Nebraska in the "Sponsored School or Organization" section. You may leave the rest of the information blank in that section.**

## **Recycling Newer Cell Phone and Cell Phone Chargers**

Flipswap recycles or sells refurbished cell phones to retailers at a reduced cost, passing part of the proceeds to WasteCap Nebraska. ***To collect cell phones and support our work, contact us:*** In Lincoln call 402-436-2383, or toll free 888-392-7839, or email [takeitback@wastecapne.org](mailto:takeitback@wastecapne.org) for assistance.

## **Recycling Mercury Thermostats**

A typical mercury thermostat contains a whopping 2.5 grams of mercury; however some thermostats can have as much as four times that amount. Retailers now have the opportunity to provide another valuable service to their customers by taking back old mercury thermostats and recycling them for free. Participating retailers pay a one-time-only container fee, and complete a simple participation agreement. Each container holds approximately 100 thermostats, and once full the container is shipped back and replaced for free. For a limited time, WasteCap Nebraska is partnering with Nebraska Health and Human Services to cover the cost of the initial container. ***For more information or to enroll contact us:*** In Lincoln call 402-436-2383, or toll free 888-392-7839, or email [takeitback@wastecapne.org](mailto:takeitback@wastecapne.org)

WasteCap Nebraska can provide assistance with registration in these take-back programs. In Lincoln call 402-436-2383, or toll free 888-392-7839, or email [takeitback@wastecapne.org](mailto:takeitback@wastecapne.org) for assistance.