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Start a Rechargeable Battery and Cell Phone Recycling Program at Your Agency

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Recycling rechargeable batteries and cell phones has never been easier. Thanks to the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation's (RBRC) *Call2Recycle*TM program, your agency can be supplied with a collection box and a pre-paid, pre-addressed shipping label that will be used to send batteries and cell phones to a processing and recovery facility.

RBRC is a non-profit public service organization dedicated to recycling used rechargeable batteries and old cell phones. RBRC collects the Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), and Small Sealed Lead *(Pb)

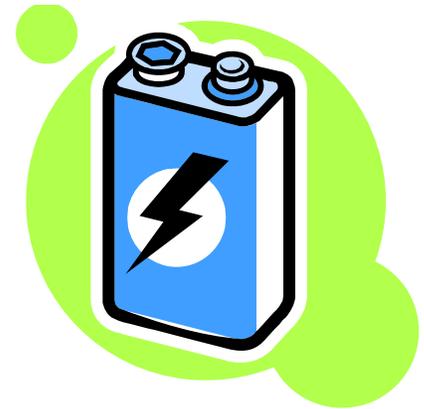
rechargeable batteries that power a variety of portable electronic products such as cellular and cordless phones, power tools, laptop computers, camcorders, two-way radios, and digital cameras. Since 1994, RBRC has recycled more than 22 million pounds of rechargeable batteries.

RBRC offers recycling plans for retailers, communities, public agencies, and businesses. RBRC provides collection materials and pays recycling costs.

If your agency participates in the *Call2Recycle*TM program, all of the collected batteries and cell phones can be applied to your Maryland Recycling Act (MRA) rate. For more information on how to obtain a collection kit and participate in the *Call2Recycle*TM program, log onto www.call2recycle.org or contact customer service at 877-723-1297.

Did you know?

According to the EPA, more than 350 million rechargeable batteries are purchased in the U.S. annually.



16 Maryland State Agencies Reach 20% Goal

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The 1988 Maryland Recycling Act (MRA) requires the development of a recycling plan that



reduces the amount of solid waste disposed by State government by at least 20 percent or to an amount that is practical and economically

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MDE Staff is Here to Help!

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Looking to boost your agency's recycling rate but need some help doing it? Remember – MDE's Recycling and Operations Program is here to help in any way it can!

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feasible. In no case may the amount to be recycled be less than 10 percent. In 2006, Maryland State Government exceeded the minimum rate and recycled 25.8 percent of the waste generated. This is a 5 percentage point increase over the 2005 recycling rate!

Thirteen State agencies increased their MRA tonnage over 2005 and recycled at least 20 percent of their waste. These are as follows; Comptroller of the Treasury, Department of General Services, Maryland School for the Deaf, Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Department of Transportation, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, University of Maryland System, Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, Subsequent Injury Fund Board, Maryland State Police, Department of Business and Economic Development, Maryland Higher Education Commission and Maryland Insurance Administration. Additionally, even though their MRA tonnages did not increase

in 2006, an additional 4 state agencies (Department of Veterans Affairs, Judiciary of Maryland, Maryland Environmental Service, and Department of Human Resources) met the 20 percent goal. Kudos to the Subsequent Injury Fund Board for increasing their recycling rate from 2005 by a whopping 26 percentage points to 69%! Morgan State University also gets a thumbs up for doubling both their MRA tonnages and recycling rate from 2005. Keep up the good work – 20% is just around the corner for you!

Keep in mind that even if you don't recycle at all the sites within your agency, MDE still needs you to complete the All StAR report.

A more detailed breakdown of the 2006 All StAR recycling results is presented on the following page. Additional information on Maryland's 25.8% All StAR Recycling Rate will soon be available on MDE's recycling web page at www.mde.state.md.us/Programs/LandPrograms/Recycling/StateAgencies/index.asp.



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