

Title: NYS Rechargeable Battery Act

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Effective December 5, 2011, no person shall knowingly dispose of rechargeable batteries as solid waste at any time in the state of New York.

Examples of rechargeable batteries covered by this act include:

- AA (and other size) rechargeable batteries
- Cell phone and lap top batteries
- Battery packs used on power hand tools

This act does not cover the following batteries:

- Any battery weighing 25 pounds or more
- Batteries used as the principal power source for a vehicle
- Batteries for storage of electricity generated by an alternative power source
- Batteries for backup that is an integral component of an electronic device
- Any non-rechargeable batteries

Consumer Compliance

Fredonia faculty, staff and students are required to conform to this law. For their convenience, the following procedures have been put in place. [A reminder e-mail will be sent out each fall.]

Students

Students may dispose of their batteries at the Call2Recycle bins at specific drop off locations (REED Library, Thompson Hall Media Center, EH&S Office).

Batteries not accepted by Call2Recycle should be given to their building custodian for disposal through Facilities Services.

Bins will also be provided during move-out for rechargeable battery collection.

Faculty

Faculty members have the option of returning rechargeable batteries to a local retailer, utilizing the Call2Recycle bins, or sending rechargeable batteries not accepted at these locations to Sarah Laurie in Environmental Health & Safety. Batteries will be properly stored until sent out with electronics recycling through Property Control in University Services.

Staff

Facilities Services staff will be responsible for returning their rechargeable batteries to local retailers.



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All other staff members should follow the Faculty procedures.

Retailer Compliance

Should the bookstore decide to sell rechargeable batteries, they are required by law to accept batteries that are similar in shape, size and type of use from the public. The bookstore will then send these batteries back to the manufacturer as described in the NYS Rechargeable Battery Act. The campus bookstore will also post required signage.

Campus Logistics

The office of Environmental Health & Safety will be responsible for monitoring the Call2Recycle boxes and preparing them for shipment when they are full.