



# Cuyahoga County

## SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

### MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Cuyahoga County Service Departments  
**Date:** May 5, 2017  
**Re:** **Changes to the Household Hazardous Waste Program**

Please be advised of the following changes to the Household Hazardous Waste Program that will be effective June 2, 2017. We are implementing these changes to reduce program costs for items where alternative disposal options exist.

#### **Fluorescent Bulbs**

We will no longer be accepting fluorescent bulbs in our program. Residents can dispose their compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs for free at any Home Depot and Lowes Home Improvement store. Because of this existing program, we decided not to duplicate a service that is being offered at no cost to taxpayers. Another reason is that some cities have been delivering pallets of bulbs that we believe came from city facilities and not just from residents. This has become an expensive problem for the District. By law we may only handle materials from residential sources and not commercial sources which includes public buildings.

We understand that residents may sometimes have fluorescent tubes to dispose and we hope that your city will choose to accept these for recycling through your city's internal bulb management program. If your city does not have a program to manage the bulbs that it generates, our contractor Clean Harbors is offering the following pricing to pick up bulbs at your location. Please contact Mack Bell at Clean Harbors Environmental Services to arrange for this service (216) 701-4650.

<b>Bulb Recycling</b>	<b>Transportation</b>
Fluorescent bulbs (4ft/8ft) = \$.95/lb. (\$85 minimum charge)	\$100 minimum, \$13/container
Any other type bulb = \$2.10/lb. (\$85 minimum charge)	

A list of other vendors is available from the District if you wish to get additional prices for this service.

#### **Rechargeable Batteries**

There is a free, nationwide program to recycle rechargeable batteries through **Call2Recycle**. We ask that you instruct your residents to take their rechargeable batteries to one of the Call2Recycle drop-off locations. These include all Best Buy, Home Depot, Lowe's Home Improvement, and Radio Shack stores in Cuyahoga County. To find a location near you, call 1.877.2.RECYCLE or search with your zip code at [www.Call2Recycle.org](http://www.Call2Recycle.org). Your city can also become a Call2Recycle location and host a drop-box for residents. Visit [www.call2recycle.org/start-collecting/](http://www.call2recycle.org/start-collecting/)

Single-use alkaline batteries can also be recycled through some local Call2Recycle drop boxes. If you choose not use a Call2Recycle drop box, alkaline batteries can be safely disposed of with normal household waste.

Please inform residents of the free recycling locations for batteries. We are increasing our outreach and education to residents about batteries, including promotion of the Call2Recycle locations. You can learn more about battery recycling and disposal at [www.cuyahogarecycles.org/batteries](http://www.cuyahogarecycles.org/batteries)