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## ***WASTE REDUCTION SERVICES***

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### **CITY OF LANSING ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO HOUSEHOLD BATTERY COLLECTION PROGRAM**

The City of Lansing will now be accepting rechargeable batteries at their recycling drop off center, located at 601 E. South St, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, during office hours (M-F, 8am-4pm.). Single-use household batteries will no longer be accepted, as of August 20, 2009. The Ingham County Health Department, who administered the battery collection program, recently made the decision to cancel it due to high processing costs.

Most household batteries, including alkaline and carbon-zinc no longer contain mercury, therefore they do not pose the same environmental risks that rechargeable batteries do. Rechargeables contain more toxic elements, such as lead, lithium and cadmium and will therefore continue to be collected. More information about rechargeable batteries and additional drop off sites can be found at [www.rbrc.org](http://www.rbrc.org).

Citizens are encouraged to use rechargeable batteries whenever possible. Rechargeable batteries can save you money, as they can be reused over and over again and result in less of an environmental impact than single use batteries.

For more information, call the City of Lansing's, Waste Reduction Services Hotline at 483-4400, email [recycle@lansingmi.gov](mailto:recycle@lansingmi.gov) or visit [www.lansingrecycles.com](http://www.lansingrecycles.com).