



# Centennial Project

## How 2 guide

### TITLE: Household Battery Recycling

Centennial Project Area if applicable: Environment

#### Synopsis of Project:

Recycling of any small batteries used in toys, torches, IT equipment and gadgets and hearing aids. They do not include car batteries.

#### How 2 Guide:

- Q. What do you mean by Household Batteries?
- A. Any small batteries used in toys, torches, IT equipment and gadgets and hearing aids. They do not include car batteries.
- Q. Do I have to count the individual types in order to record the number I have recycled?
- A. No. It is obvious that the range of different batteries is considerable so individual counts would be tedious and unnecessary. So, weigh the collected batteries and record the weight in grams. We will convert this weight into a number of batteries when we have a collective amount. Basically, we will report the weight as being equivalent to a number of AA batteries.
- Q. Why are we doing it this way?
- A. The actual number is not important, we are not supplying a contract or getting paid for them, so why complicate things. The final report to the public will be that we, as Lions, helped in recycling a vast number of batteries.
- Q. Are there any precaution we should take? Are dead batteries dangerous?
- A. They are very messy and can cause damage to skin if handled too much. Use gloves. Therefore we advise **DO NOT HOARD USED BATTERIES**. Get them to the professionals in small quantities as soon as possible.
- Q. Who are the professionals?

- A. Every Council Reclamation Site will have a special receptacle for batteries. This receptacle will be collected by recyclers on a regular basis. Large quantities of used batteries require a certificate to transport them as hazardous materials.
- Q. What about Supermarkets and shops?
- A. Legislation from 2009 means that all outlets that sell batteries must provide facilities for their recycling, which is why you will see plastic containers in supermarkets. Why not talk to the Supermarket personnel and see if they will allow Lions Promotional material to be attached to their containers. The recycler will weigh them when they collect.
- Q. Are there any other suggestions for collections?
- A. Of course! Each Club will have a different environment in which to collect, so this list is by no means inclusive. I have discovered that Charity Shops have facilities to collect batteries but some never do anything with them. Talk to somebody, they may be glad of a Lion to clear away the pot. Talk to your families, neighbours, work colleagues etc.

**PS.** Can we raise any money through the project? I'm working on it and I am open to suggestions

These projects will not only preserve and protect our environment now but also increase awareness of Lions in our communities and a lasting legacy of Lions Centennial Celebration.

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