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Make a “Positive” Change in July

Gather alkaline batteries for OCRRA’s month-long curbside collection

SYRACUSE, N.Y., June 27, 2017 – July is a great month to replace alkaline batteries in smoke detectors, flashlights and other emergency items. Ensure old batteries are properly managed – with help from OCRRA.

Throughout July, OCRRA partners with local trash haulers to collect old **alkaline** batteries from households in Onondaga County. To participate:

- Collect alkaline batteries in a **YELLOW** battery bag. (Email info@ocrra.org with your name and mailing address to receive a free bag, while supplies last.)
- Place the full yellow bag on **TOP** of your **CLOSED** garbage bag or can during July. Your hauler will collect them and bring them to OCRRA. Please do **NOT** place your battery bag **IN** your blue bin or your garbage.

Alkaline batteries are traditional AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt batteries. Check battery labeling to confirm batteries are alkaline as opposed to rechargeable. Rechargeable batteries are **NOT** accepted in the July curbside program.

“Keeping batteries out of the trash is important in July and year-round,” said OCRRA Recycling Operations Manager Ann Fordock. “The July alkaline program is made possible thanks to haulers that collect the yellow bags and our environmentally-conscious community.”

To recycle rechargeable and button batteries year-round, including at Wegmans stores, or to learn about disposal options for alkaline batteries throughout the year, visit www.tinyurl.com/OCRRAbatteries2017

If you are a business looking to dispose of old batteries, visit www.ocrra.org for more information.

Over the last nine years, Onondaga County residents have kept more than one million pounds of alkaline batteries out of the local waste stream through this program and the year-round collection at Wegmans stores.



Chloe Coughlin of Liverpool places her alkaline batteries on top of her trash can (NOT in her blue bin) in July to make it easy for her hauler to see and separate the batteries for delivery to OCRRA.

About OCRRA: *OCRRA is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation created by the New York State Legislature in 1990 to deliver a comprehensive solid waste management and resource recovery system to Onondaga County residents.*

OCRRA's system includes: a strong recycling and composting program, a foundation for local waste disposal at the Waste-to-Energy Facility, two convenient trash and recycling drop off sites, a robust education component and programs for hard to manage materials, such as household hazardous waste, batteries, fluorescent bulbs and other mercury-containing devices.

OCRRA's award-winning programs are funded by trash drop-off fees and the sale of electricity generated at the Waste-to-Energy Facility in Jamesville, NY. Learn more and get involved at www.OCRRA.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#).

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