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## **Help Prevent Fires! Use OCRRA's Rechargeable Battery Drop-off Kiosks, including 4 NEW Locations in Syracuse**

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**SYRACUSE, NY** – As technology advances, the number of common household items that run on rechargeable batteries is growing. From laptops and power tools to cameras and cordless vacuums, batteries power our lives more than ever. However, communities across the country are seeing an emerging issue – fires caused by rechargeable batteries that are not managed properly by consumers.

**Rechargeable batteries never belong in your home trash or recycling bins, where they can get damaged inside collection trucks and cause fires.** Haulers typically dump curbside waste into trucks that compact materials to make more room. When a rechargeable battery gets crushed by a compactor or punctured, the battery cells may spark and ignite. That happened in Dec. 2024 when materials caught fire inside a city of Syracuse truck picking up curbside recyclables. There have been similar close calls at our waste management and recycling facilities in Onondaga County.

Fortunately, it is easier than ever to properly manage rechargeable batteries at many drop-off locations in our community and the list is growing! With support from a U.S. Department of Energy grant, OCRRA is unveiling four new recycling drop-off locations:

- 1-Armond Magnarelli Community Center: 2308 Grant Blvd, Syracuse, NY 13208
- 2-Bob Cecile Community Center: 174 W Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13205
- 3-Southwest Community Center: 401 South Ave., Syracuse, NY 13204 (near Clover St.)
- 4-Syracuse Northeast Community Center: 716 Hawley Ave. Syracuse, NY 13203

What types of batteries are acceptable at OCRRA drop-off locations? The first step is to read the label. Onondaga County residents can drop off:

- Single-use Button and coin batteries
- Single-use Lithium batteries
- Rechargeable batteries that weigh less than 11 pounds

Battery terminals that touch other batteries or metal can spark. Before dropping off batteries, residents should cover terminals with clear packing tape or put each battery in a separate, sealed bag.

Residents should NOT put the following items in an OCRRA battery kiosk:  
(Visit [OCRRA.org](http://OCRRA.org) to learn how to properly manage these items)

- Damaged, defective or recalled (DDR) batteries (e.g., swollen/bulging, punctured, leaking, warm/hot to the touch)
- High-energy batteries (e.g., from e-scooters, lawn mowers, e-bikes)
- Devices with batteries that cannot be removed
- Contaminants (e.g., sharps, vapes, light bulbs, trash)
- Alkaline batteries (OCRRA is making more room for rechargeable batteries and no longer accepts alkaline batteries; they can be taken to Staples for recycling)

Don't live in Syracuse? No problem! There are more than 50 rechargeable battery recycling drop-off locations across Onondaga County. While several are operated by OCRRA, many others are managed by [The Battery Network](#). Visiting these locations helps consumers meet New York State's Rechargeable Battery Law, which says consumers cannot throw out rechargeable batteries.

Still not sure what to do with a battery? OCRRA has a new battery management web page with step-by-step instructions. Learn more at [OCRRA.org/batteries](http://OCRRA.org/batteries). Making the effort to properly manage batteries can help protect our homes and our community's waste management resources, including the men and women we rely on to pick up trash and recyclables every week.

### **About OCRRA**

OCRRA is a non-profit, public benefit corporation created by the New York State Legislature to oversee solid waste management and the resource recovery system for Onondaga County residents. The Agency operates a transfer station on Rock Cut Road, and the Jamesville and Amboy Compost Sites. OCRRA also oversees partnerships for recycling services, Waste-to-Energy operations, and household hazardous waste management, among other services. For more information, visit [www.OCRRA.org](http://www.OCRRA.org).