

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Energy and Environment



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To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) is writing this letter to help Call2Recycle recruit locations in the District of Columbia to serve as collection sites for the District's battery stewardship program. The goal of the program is to provide more convenient battery recycling options for consumers.

The [Zero Waste Omnibus Amendment Act of 2020](#) establishes the battery stewardship program requirements. DOEE administers this Act, which requires producers of single-use and rechargeable batteries and battery-containing products to implement a battery collection program as part of an entity known as a battery stewardship organization. Call2Recycle is the District's battery stewardship organization.

Who is Call2Recycle? Call2Recycle is a nonprofit with an established consumer battery recycling and stewardship program. This organization has run a voluntary rechargeable battery collection program in the District for several years.

Why is Call2Recycle seeking locations to serve as collection sites? To make battery recycling more convenient, the Zero Waste Omnibus Amendment Act of 2020 requires at least "one collection site per 10,000 people in the District, with a reasonable geographic spread of collection sites across all eight wards, taking into account accessibility to public transit." Retail stores, businesses, and government offices or buildings can serve as collection sites.

What do locations volunteering as battery collection sites need to do under this law? The Zero Waste Omnibus Amendment Act of 2020 requires battery collection sites to:

- Complete a safety tutorial provided by Call2Recycle on how to safely manage batteries;
- Prominently display the availability of battery drop-off at their location; and
- Accept up to 100 batteries per visit regardless of their type or brand.

How will Call2Recycle work with and support collection sites? In addition to providing a training on safe battery management, Call2Recycle must cover battery collection costs, provide outreach materials, and notify the public of collection site locations.

Please reach out to Todd Ellis at Call2Recycle (tellis@call2recycle.org) to discuss how you can contribute to the success of this program and provide a valuable service to the community by becoming a collection site.

Sincerely,

Tommy Wells
Director