



# Lewis County Solid Waste News

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## Keep Toxins Out of Landfill by Recycling Your Rechargeable Batteries at Hazo Hut

Batteries are a handy power source and widely used in electronics. Lewis County Solid Waste offers **free recycling of rechargeable and alkaline batteries to residential customers** at the Central Transfer Station's Hazo Hut in Centralia and the East Lewis County Transfer Station in Morton.

Rechargeable batteries, such as nickel-cadmium (Ni-CD), nickel metal hydride, lithium ion and small-sealed lead acid, **contain toxins and must be kept out of the solid waste stream**. Common uses for rechargeable batteries are:

- **Nickel-cadmium:** Cordless power tools and phones, digital and video cameras, two-way radios, biomedical equipment and professional video cameras.
- **Nickel metal hydride:** Cell phones, cordless power tools, digital cameras and two-way radios.
- **Lithium ion:** Cell phones; cordless power tools and phones; digital cameras; two-way radios; laptop computers, tablets and e-readers; and two-way radios.
- **Small-sealed lead acid:** Mobility scooters, fire emergency devices, UPS systems (battery back-up), hospital equipment and emergency lighting.

Alkaline batteries are everyday household batteries commonly used in flashlights, remote controls and other appliances. Old alkaline batteries contained mercury, but new ones don't. The Environmental Protection Agency does not consider new alkaline batteries to be toxic, but it is still important to recycle them so that metals they contain may be recovered.

For more information about recycling of batteries, contact Mark Bronson, Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator, 360-740-1221, or [mark.bronson@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:mark.bronson@lewiscountywa.gov). **Fees apply to business customers; and business customers, please make an appointment with Mark Bronson.**

Central Transfer Station  
1411 S. Tower Avenue  
Centralia WA  
360-740-1481  
Hours: Monday-  
Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-  
5:30 p.m.

Hazo Hut  
Located at Central  
Transfer Station  
Hours: Every  
Wednesday, 9 a.m.-  
4:00 p.m. and first and  
third Saturdays each  
month, 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

East Lewis County  
Transfer Station  
6745 U.S. Hwy 12  
Morton WA  
360-496-5095  
Hours: Monday-  
Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-  
5:00 p.m.



## ***Lewis County residents have multiple yard waste disposal options***

Now that the yard work season is here, Lewis County residents will be glad to know that more than one yard waste disposal option is available to them.

- **Lewis County Transfer Stations:** Yard waste is accepted at the Central Transfer Station, Centralia, and the East Lewis County Transfer Station, Morton, for a reduced fee of \$5 for 160 pounds or less (based on a rate of \$60 per ton). Yard waste brought to the Central Transfer Station must be separated into one of two areas: the wood debris area is for chippable wood material and the yard waste container in the Recycling Area is for lawn clippings, garden spoils, leaves or yard trimmings. The East Lewis County Transfer Station has one container for all yard and wood waste. Yard and wood waste disposed of in the recycling areas of county transfer stations is organically reprocessed. Please call 360-740-1452 for more information.
- **LeMay Enterprises Curbside Yard Waste Pickup:** LeMay Enterprises offers curbside yard waste pickup in Centralia, Chehalis, Napavine, Winlock and rural Centralia/Chehalis. Please call 360-736-4769 for more information.
- **City of Chehalis Organic Waste Disposal:** Chehalis residents living within the city limits may call the Chehalis Community Development Dept. – 360-748-0721 – for information on a seasonal green waste permit that allows them to dispose of yard waste that will be composted.
- **Do-It-Yourself Composting:** Compost your own yard and food waste in your own backyard. The WSU Extension-Lewis County Master Recycler Composter volunteers offer periodic workshops on composting. The workshop/class schedule may be found at this web site: [www.lewiscountyclecycling.org](http://www.lewiscountyclecycling.org) or call 360-740-1452.

### **Helpful Reminder**

*The above yard waste options are preferred and, in some areas, the only options. Burning is not allowed at any time for residents of an incorporated city or an urban growth area annexed by that city. Residents of unincorporated Lewis County must obtain a burn permit from the Lewis County Community Development Dept. Residents of unincorporated Lewis County who obtain a burn permit are allowed to burn only yard waste/debris from their own properties and not material brought in from other properties. An outdoor burn restriction may be in effect, so residents of unincorporated Lewis County must call the Community Development Dept. at 360-740-1146 to learn if a burn restriction exists before starting the burn.*

## ***Take Used Plant Pots to Plant Sale to be Recycled or Reused***

*The WSU Extension-Lewis County Master Gardeners have a solution for used plant pots. Master Recycler Composter volunteers will collect used, clean plant pots at their annual plant sale, Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17, outside the Expo Hall of the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., both days.*

*Volunteers plan to reuse or recycle the plant pots they collect. The plant sale will feature thousands of plants grown in Lewis County by Master Gardeners, to include over 1,000 tomato plants, including many heirloom varieties; annuals; perennials; shrubs; and trees. For more information, go to <http://lewis-mg-mrc.org> or call the WSU Lewis County Extension office, 360-740-1212.*