

Guideline on collection of rechargeable battery for recycling in housing estates/buildings

Application Procedure

Any interested Property Management Company need to complete the reply slip and fax it to EPD. Every participating housing estates/building will receive from EPD a rechargeable battery collection box free of charge, the collection box will be placed within the areas of each participating housing estate/ building permanently. Upon receipt of the reply slip, EPD will contact the housing estate/ building concerned to collect the box. Property management company may refer to the following recommended publicity and operation arrangement when planning for the recovery programme.

Publicity

Participating property management company needs to inform the occupants of the new service through estate/building newsletters, posters or notices at prominent location in the estate/building. EPD will provide the publicity materials and organise publicity programme to increase public awareness at community level.

Operation Arrangements

1. Participating property management company could use old carton box to make the collection box, and put rechargeable battery recycling label provided by EPD on it.
2. Collection boxes should be placed in indoor area within the estate/building like lobby of each block, clubhouse and management office. To achieve the best awareness effect and services to the residents/occupants, the collection boxes should preferably be put at the counter of each block/building. Please also keep the deposit slot in the collection box unobstructed.

3. The rechargeable batteries collected in each block could first be consolidated at the management office. The rechargeable batteries manufactured nowadays are mostly safe for transportation. Nevertheless, EPD suggest put a masking tape over the terminals of battery before putting it into the collection box as a precautionary measure. For safety precautions, EPD do not suggest the public to put damaged rechargeable batteries into the collection boxes. For batteries that are vulnerable to damage, the public should put them in plastic bag (e. g. reuse the packaging of new batteries) and seal them with adhesive tape before deposit.
4. In general, the chance of generating rechargeable battery waste is relatively less than other recyclables. Management company, resident representatives or Environment Protection Ambassadors for Property Management could arrange delivering the recovered batteries to one of the collection points under the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Programme, once every one to two months. The responsible person should fill in the Record Form for the number of rechargeable batteries recovered and then send it to Helpdesk (Fax no: 2371 4100) for record purpose.
5. Starting from April 2014 , free collection service will also be provided by the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Programme. Estate management will be notified of exact collection date by the Programme's contractor in advance.

Sustainable Programme

The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Programme is a continuous programme. Property management company and Owners' Committee are encouraged to support the programme and general public to adopt a good habit to recycle rechargeable batteries in order to reduce waste.

Enquiries and Support

For any enquiry, please contact Helpdesk at 5575 4068.



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