Purpose

1. To assure responsible handling and recycling of spent batteries;
2. To provide information for a lawful means to dispose of batteries in accordance with local and city ordinances; and
3. To keep spent batteries from impacting the environment and keep them out of the landfill.

Responsible Staff

1. Scott Mouw
2. Assigned staff

Procedure

1. Rechargeable nickel–cadmium batteries that are no longer usable can be placed in the DPPEA battery disposal box kept in the division break room. This battery disposal box, provided by the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC), can be mailed back to the RBRC.
2. Written instructions on the RBRC battery disposal box must be followed for safety and to keep spent rechargeable batteries in the box from shorting.
3. When the box becomes full, and/or as indicated by the box instructions, the DPPEA Community & Business Assistance Section (CBAS) supervisor will ensure the box is prepared in accordance with the box instructions and sent back to RBRC to recycle the spent batteries.
4. Spent batteries that are not rechargeable shall be safely collected and stored in the division break room, using safety practices determined by DPPEA management. At a time determined by the DPPEA Community & Business Assistance Section (CBAS) supervisor, or other DENR management, the non-rechargeable batteries will be taken to a Wake County Landfill and turned in at the hazardous waste collection center.
5. Spent batteries that cannot be placed in the RBRC box, shall be stored and disposed of in accordance with DENR procedures, city and county ordinances, and any other safety considerations determined by DENR Management.

Monitoring and Measurement

1. Visual monitoring of the RBRC box and storage of non-rechargeable batteries by the DENR Community & Business Assistance Section (CBAS) supervisor.