Be positive... Recycle your batteries...

In addition to the "Community Drop Off Points" listed in this leaflet, domestic batteries will be accepted at all of the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC). Many large stores and shops that sell batteries will also offer recycling services in store.

To find your nearest HWRC visit www.wasteaware.org.uk

To find out more contact
WasteAware on **0300 1234 051** **www.wasteaware.org.uk** or your local council
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BATTERIES: facts and figures

- The average Hertfordshire household uses **21** domestic batteries a year, all of which could be recycled.
- The UK is currently one of Europe's poorest battery recyclers, achieving only **2.8%** recycling in 2008.
- Around **600** million UK domestic batteries (**22,000 tonnes**) the equivalent weight of **110** jumbo jets are sent to landfill unnecessarily every year.

Why recycle batteries?

- Putting batteries into your rubbish bin means they are likely to be sent to a landfill site and the valuable resources the batteries contain could be lost.
- Once in a landfill site, the harmful heavy metals such as lead, cadmium or mercury could then leach out, potentially damaging the environment.
- Each battery placed in the recycling box is, once collected for reprocessing, sorted by chemistry, shredded and many of the important elements recovered to make new batteries or a range of other metal items.

Which batteries can I recycle?

Most types of domestic batteries can be accepted including:

- All AAA and AA cells
- Sizes C and D
- Button Batteries (e.g. watch or hearing aid batteries)
- Mobile phone batteries
- Laptop batteries
- Power tool batteries

Rechargeable batteries, such as those found in mobile phones and laptops, eventually wear out and cannot be recharged. At this point they can be recycled. Also,try to use a mains supply whenever available.

What do all these symbols mean?

All single use and rechargeable batteries, button cells and battery packs are marked with a crossed out wheeled bin symbol to show that they should be recycled rather than put in the bin.

Batteries containing hazardous materials such as **mercury** (Hg), **cadmium** (Cd) or **lead** (Pb) are marked with their chemical symbols as well

Where can I recycle batteries?

Battery collection boxes can be found at the following Community Drop Off Points:

Council	Drop-off points			
Broxbourne	Bishops' College Churchgate CHESHUNT EN8 9BR	Hoddesdon One Stop Shop Unit 42 Tower Centre HODDESDON EN11 8JW	Wolsey One Stop Shop Windmill Lane CHESHUNT EN8 9AA	Waltham Cross One Stop Shop 123 High Street WALTHAM CROSS EN8 7AN
Dacorum	Hemel Hemstead Civic Centre Marlowes HEMEL HEMSTEAD HP 1 1HH	Berkhamstead Civic Centre 161 High Street BERKHAMSTEAD HP4 3HD	Victoria Hall Akeman Street TRING HP23 6AA	Cupid Green Depot Redbourne Road HEMEL HEMPSTEAD HP2 7BA
East Herts	Hertford Office Pegs Lane HERTFORD SG13 8EG	Bishops Stortford Office Charringtons House BISHOPS STORTFORD CM23 2EN		
Hertsmere	Civic Offices Elstree Way BOREHAMWOOD WD6 1WA	Council Office The Bushey Centre High Street, BUSHEY WD23 1TT	Council Office The Wyllyots Centre Wyllyots Place,Darkes Lane POTTERS BAR, EN6 2HN	Aldenham Parish Council 1 Aldenham Avenue RADLETT WD7 8HL
North Herts	Council Offices Gernon Road LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY SG6 3JF	Hitchin Swimming Centre Fishponds Road HITCHIN SG5 1HA	Royston Leisure Centre Woodstock Road ROYSTON SG8 7XT	North Herts Leisure Centre Baldock Road LETCHWORTH SG6 2ER
St Albans	Civic Centre St Peters Street ST ALBANS AL1 3JE	Harpenden Town Hall Leyton Road HARPENDEN AL5 2LX		
Stevenage	Cavendish Road Depot Cavendish Road STEVENAGE SG1 2ES	Customer Services Centre Danehill House Danestrete, STEVENAGE SG1 1HN		
Three Rivers	Three Rivers House Northway RICKMANSWORTH WD3 1RL	Abbots Langley Parish Council Langley Road ABBOTS LANGLEY WD5 0EJ	Sarratt Parish Council Parish Office Village Hall, The Green SARRATT, WD3 6AT	
Watford	Town Hall Rickmansworth Road WATFORD WD17 3EX	Woodside Leisure Centre Horseshoe Lane GARSTON WD2 7HH	Watford Central Leisure Centre HEMPSTEAD ROAD Watford, WD17 3HA	
Welwyn Hatfield	Campus East The Campus WELWYN GARDEN CITY AL8 6AE	Hatfield Swim Centre Lemsford Road HATFIELD AL10 0EB		