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Battery Collection Ending as of November 1, 2018

NORTH OKANAGAN – The Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) will be phasing out the collection of batteries at their Recycling and Disposal Facilities (RDF) over the next few weeks.

A recommendation was passed by the RDNO Board of Directors on July 18, 2018 to discontinue the duplication in collection services provided by stewardship agencies responsible for battery disposal and recycling. [Call-2 Recycling](#) and the [Canadian Battery Association](#) provide more than 20 different locations throughout the North Okanagan for residents to drop off batteries free of charge. These products are recyclable so disposing in regular household garbage is unnecessary and harmful to the environment.

“When consumers purchase batteries costs for collection are added in by the retailer,” stated Nicole Kohnert, Manager of Regional Engineering Services. “These fees are used to pay for the cost of collecting, shipping and processing the material so when residents use our facilities as a drop off location, they are paying more for the services through our standard tipping fees. We believe that it will be less expensive for customers to use retailers and other depots to recycle their batteries.”

The discontinuation of battery collection was first announced in July, 2018 to assist customers with finding an alternative drop off location. There is now only one month left until battery collection services at the RDNO facilities will no longer be available. Starting November 1, 2018 the following facilities will no longer accept lead acid or rechargeable batteries:

- Greater Vernon RDF
- Armstrong / Spallumcheen RDF
- Lumby RDF
- Cherryville Transfer Station
- Kingfisher Transfer Station

A list of locations accepting batteries can be found by using the Recycling Council of British Columbia’s [Recyclepedia App](#). Residents can also visit the [Call-2-Recycling](#) or [Canadian Battery Association](#) websites for more information.

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