## Maine Battery Stewardship Annual Report REPORTING PERIOD: JANUARY – DECEMBER 2021

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#### **Battery Recycling Collections**

In 2021, Call2Recycle collected a total of 34,855 lbs. of rechargeable batteries and 1,419 cell phones weighing 302 pounds. Below please find the specific recycling collection data for 2020 & 2021 by material type:

Rechargeable Battery Collections (lbs.)					
Material Type	Material Name	2020	2021	Change in Lbs.	
Rechargeable	SSLA/Pb	5,640	6,262	11%	
Rechargeable	Ni-Cd	11,506	12,274	6%	
Rechargeable	Li-Ion	6,430	9,581	49%	
Rechargeable	Ni-MH	1,227	1,152	-6%	
Primary	Alkaline/Carbon Zinc	2,150	4,452	107%	
Primary	Lithium	376	701	86%	
Cell Phone	Cell phone	161	302	87%	
Cell Phone	Accessories	0	0	0	
Other	Other	104	132	27%	
Total Weight		27,594	34,856	26%	
Total Rech	argeable Weight	24,803	29,269	18%	

Below please find the rechargeable battery recycling data for 2021 by industry sector:

Rechargeable Battery Collections by Sector (lbs.)				
Sector	2021			
Retail/Wholesale	14,573			
Public Agency / Municipality	13,214			
Business	1,481			

#### Proper Battery Management

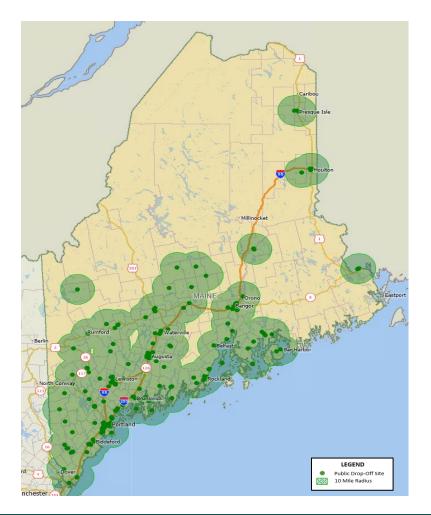
Batteries collected from Maine residents are transported to sorting facilities where they are separated by battery chemistry and then sent to appropriate specialty processors. These processors extract material to be used in the manufacturing of new products. Below please find the "physical flow" of where batteries go after they are dropped off at a Call2Recycle participating collection site.



Batteries collected in the Call2Recycle program are responsibly and safely recycled according to Responsible Recycling (R2) standards. Cellphones are either refurbished and resold or recycled, with the proceeds used to fund the cellphone collection program and educational outreach.

#### Public Recycling Site Accessibility

To optimize the percentage of the U.S. population that has access to battery and cellphone recycling through the Call2Recycle collection site network, Call2Recycle has developed a standard for measuring public recycling accessibility, specifically for batteries and cellphones. This accessibility rate measures the percent of a state's population that lives within a 10-mile radius of an available Call2Recycle drop off location. By year's end 2021, Call2Recycle achieved an 81.3% accessibility rate in Maine. Please see the adjacent map for specific details.



Site Type	Number of Sites - 2021
Number of Active Public Sites	86
Number of Active Private Sites	97
Public Accessibility Rate	81.3%

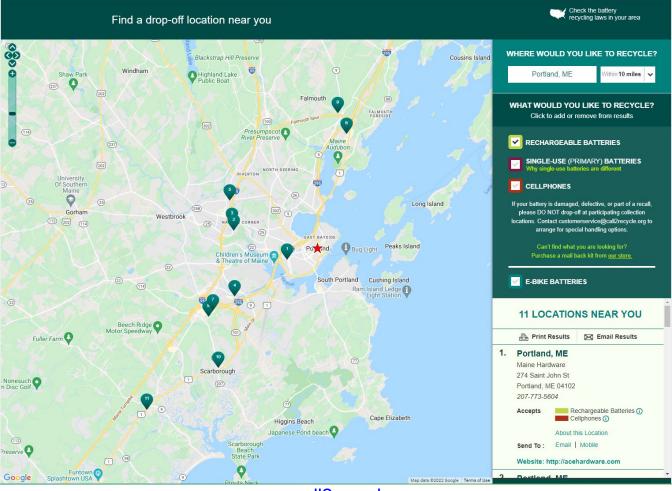
#### Website Statistics

Call2Recycle's public education and awareness efforts focus on driving consumers to our interactive web site, which provides educational resources and a locator to identify convenient battery recycling drop-off sites.

One of the most viewed sections of the website is the public drop-off site locator tool. This tool allows Maine residents to enter their City/Town or zip code to find the nearest Call2Recycle participating site to recycle their used rechargeable batteries.



The locator tool was used 9,505 times by Maine residents to find a Call2Recycle drop-off location



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#### **Outreach & Customer Service Activity**

Call2Recycle's Customer Service Team fields hundreds of daily inquiries from collection sites and consumers across the country. Some of these inquiries are from the nearly 200 private and public battery collection sites in Maine.

Call2Recycle's Customer Service Team fielded the following inquiries from Maine:

Maine Activity	2021 Totals
Calls or Service Tickets (web-based, emails, etc.) from Collection Sites into Call2Recycle Customer Service	69
New Collection Sites Added	76
Rate of New Sites that Recycled Batteries	5%
Call2Recycle collection boxes sent to collection sites	1287
Call2Recycle collection boxes returned from collection sites	65

#### Damaged, Defective or Recalled Lithium-Ion Batteries

The safe handling, transport and disposal of used batteries, specifically lithium-based batteries, continues to be a core tenet of the Call2Recycle program. A difficult to manage subset of lithiumion batteries are ones that are Damaged, Defective or Recalled (DDR).

These DDR batteries require special handling per U.S. Department of Transportation regulations and cannot be placed in

a typical Call2Recycle collection box. In 2019, Call2Recycle began offering collection sites across the U.S., compliant and easy to use specialty storage and shipping kits (See below).

CALL2RECYCLE DDR KIT

EXAMPLE OF A DDR BATTERY





#### Active Participating Stewards

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