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Recycle Household Batteries and Enter the Raffle
Oakland Public Library Branches Host Battery Recyclers

Oakland, CA — Starting this week, recycling of household batteries, including AA, D and 9-volt, is available at 75 Oakland City buildings during normal operating hours. The public is invited to bring old household batteries for recycling when visiting an Oakland Library or Recreation Center. Look for the ***Battery Recycler***, a container that is shaped like a battery. State law prohibits disposal of batteries as trash, and the City's goal is to inform the public about this new restriction while providing a convenient recycling alternative.

The Oakland Public Library is hosting a raffle drawing for a battery quick charger with four AA rechargeable batteries to help promote household battery recycling. The raffle will be held monthly at groupings of Oakland Public Library branches starting this week and continuing through August 2007. From today through May 18th, raffle entries will be taken at the following branches: Main, Lakeview, West and the Asian and African American Museum and Library.

Rechargeable batteries can last for hundreds of charge cycles, potentially saving thousands of dollars over the course of a few years. Switching to rechargeable batteries can save you money and reduce the amount of toxic waste in the environment.

The City of Oakland's Public Works Agency, Environmental Services Division provides recycling programs for Oakland residents and businesses. For more information about the ***Oakland Recycles*** Recycling Program, visit www.oaklandrecycles.com or call the Oakland Recycles Hotline at 238-SAVE (7283).

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