



A special message from the Senior Advisory Council of the Orland Fire Protection District

# RECYCLE YOUR BATTERIES



Be a part of the solution! The Senior Advisory Council is encouraging seniors and the community to use safety precautions when recycling batteries.

## DID YOU KNOW....

Batteries dumped in landfills release harmful substances into our soil that omit toxins in our air.

planet or being burnt away and contributing to air pollution and our carbon footprint.

Battery waste is currently occupying landfill space somewhere on the

*It is important to our community and environment to recycle batteries.*

## SAC PROMOTES "SAVE YOUR BATTERIES" CAMPAIGN

IL-The Senior Advisory Council (SAC) of the Orland Fire Protection District (OFPD) is promoting a campaign to protect residents, particularly seniors, from the unknown dangers of disposing expired batteries.

A little known fact is that storing old or discarded 9-volt batteries can touch off house fires. SAC member Wayne Stuart stated, "We'd like to remind every person to dispose of used batteries in a responsible manner to lessen potential fire hazards and environmental concerns."

Batteries pose a number of environmental threats due to their heavy metal content and corrosive acids. If not properly disposed of, they could endanger soil and water sources.

*For more information on the campaign and the Senior Advisory Council, visit the district's website at [www.orlandfire.org](http://www.orlandfire.org) or call the district at 708-349-0074.*

## STORAGE METHODS

Improper battery storage is a fire hazard. The Orland Fire Protection District advises residents to:

- ◆ Use electrical tape to cover old and unused batteries until they are properly recycled.
- ◆ Do not store 6-volt or 9-volt batteries on top of each other.
- ◆ Store in a dry, cool space.

**All household batteries are acceptable for recycling. List includes: AAA, AA, C, D, hearing aid batteries, 6-volt and 9-volt, home security batteries, etc.**

**Automobile, marine, and computer batteries are not acceptable and must be disposed at your local car service location.**

## DROP OFF LOCATIONS

**Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department** (14700 Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park)

**Sportsplex** (11351 W 159th Street, Orland Park)

**Recreation Administration Office** (14700 Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park)

**Franklin Loebe Center** (14650 Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park)

**Cultural Arts Center** (14760 Park Lane, Orland Park)

*Call your Village Hall and ask for more drop off locations.*