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Suffolk Clean Community Commission Provides Battery Recycling

SUFFOLK, VA (August 26, 2010) When the AAA batteries in your television remote control or the D batteries in your flashlight die, the Suffolk Clean Community Commission encourages you to not throw them in the trash can. Instead you can take them to one of the 12 newly established drop-off locations in the city that the Commission has set up for battery recycling.

The Commission is providing and servicing new household battery recycling containers to ensure that batteries get properly disposed. The containers are for AA, AAA, C, D, and 9V alkaline batteries only. No reusable batteries will be accepted.

Batteries contain heavy metals such as mercury, lead, and nickel, which can contaminate the environment when improperly disposed of. Recycling batteries keeps these heavy metals out of landfills and the air. In landfills, heavy metals have the potential to leak slowly into soil, groundwater or surface water. Research shows that household batteries contribute many potentially hazardous compounds to the municipal solid waste stream.

Battery recycling containers have been set up at the following locations:

- ABNB Federal Credit Union – 907 W. Washington Ave.
- East Suffolk Recreation Center – 138 S. 6th St.
- Farm Fresh – 1401 Main St.

- Farm Fresh – 3575 Bridge Rd.
- Lowe's – 1216 N. Main St.
- North Suffolk Library – 2000 Bennett's Creek Park Rd.
- Northern Shores Recreation Center – 6701 Respass Beach Rd.
- Suffolk Department of Public Utilities – 1258 Holland Rd.
- Suffolk Police Department Headquarters – 120 N. Wellons St.
- Suffolk Police Department Sector I – 230 E. Washington St.
- Suffolk Police Department Sector II – 3901 Bridge Rd.
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Office – 440 Market St. (3rd floor)

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