

Top Battery Recycling States Revealed on National Battery Day

Municipality Efforts Critical to Successful Battery Recycling

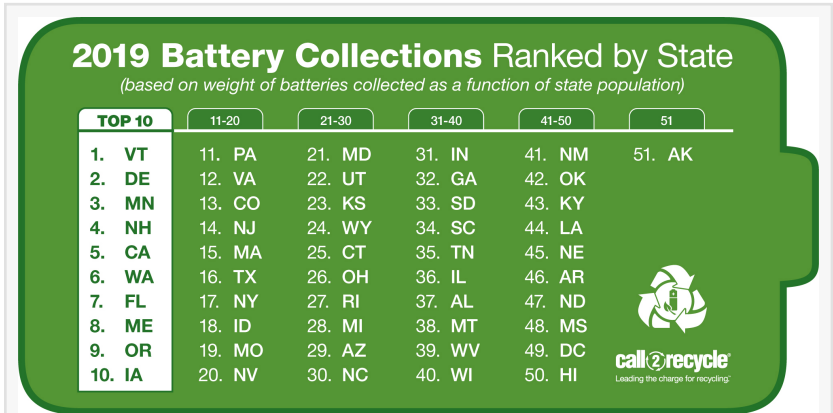
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, UNITED STATES, February 18, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In its annual analysis of state efforts to collect and recycle batteries, Call2Recycle, Inc., the nation's first and largest consumer battery stewardship organization, today announced that Vermont once again leads the country in consumer battery recycling based on program participation. Vermont was followed in order by Delaware, Minnesota, New Hampshire, California, Washington, Florida, Maine, Oregon and Iowa. The annual analysis also found significant differences nationwide in responsibly handling consumer batteries when they are no longer useful.

Each year, Call2Recycle calculates the amount of batteries each state collects compared with its population. This year, in a change from previous years, only collections direct from consumers to its collection sites were counted and collections from private locations such as manufacturers were removed. Still, Vermont continues to comfortably lead the nation – its 626,000 residents generated over 124,000 pounds of batteries in 2019. Vermont is followed by Delaware which also ranked second in 2018. A complete listing of states can be found at www.call2recycle.org/staterankings

Local governments have historically bore the burden of managing waste and recycling programs. Their expertise along with their relative convenience typically provides recycling leadership in their local communities.

“What’s affirmed in our analysis is that municipal governments lead recycling efforts, particularly for consumer batteries,” said Carl E. Smith, CEO & president of Call2Recycle, Inc. “All the states at the top of our listing boast municipal governments that are dedicated to recycling batteries. We thank them for their efforts in supporting our mission to collect and recycle batteries.”

Conversely, the analysis also showed that consumer battery recycling is least successful when municipal governments do not have sufficient infrastructure and resources to support recycling behaviors, particularly in less populated states. In these states, retailers tend to absorb a greater responsibility in battery recycling. To address this challenge, Call2Recycle is focusing its efforts on bringing battery recycling more directly to consumers including adding drop-off locations and expanding their new services and solutions in January this year.



2019 Battery Collections Ranked by State



"As we celebrate the power of batteries on National Battery Day, we must continue to be good stewards of the environment by safely recycling batteries and recognize those who are helping us get there," stated Smith.

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[About Call2Recycle, Inc.](#)

Call2Recycle, Inc. is committed to protecting and preserving the environment through collecting and recycling consumer batteries and cellphones. Founded in 1994, the not-for-profit organization works on behalf of stakeholders to provide its consumer battery recycling program to consumers across the U.S. Visit call2recycle.org. Follow on Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn. For more information, please contact:

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