



It has come to my attention that people are not recycling their household batteries. Here's some information about what batteries can do to our dump... Batteries contain **LEAD** and **MERCURY**. When batteries are thrown into our dump, many things can happen for example:

- 1.) Batteries can explode if cut or burnt
- 2.) Seep into the landfill
- 3.) The seepage effects small amphibious creatures
- 4.) Eventually seeps into our lake
- 5.) This will/can affect our drinking water.

Please recycle your batteries properly. It is important to keep our lake clean of unnecessary toxins. Drop your used batteries off at Hazardous Waste recycling area at dump #2



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I have also done some research on used batteries and found out this. 9 volt batteries, when terminals touch, can cause a fire. If they touch anything metal, it could cause a fire. This includes aluminum foil, brillo, or anything metal you might have in your “junk drawer”. If you buy 9 volt batteries with plastic caps, keep the caps for recycling disposal purposes. If not, use electrical tape to cover the terminals. Generally be leery of all used or unused batteries. Again they can be disposed of at the Hazardous Waste area at dump #2, every Thursday from 7 am till 7pm, and again Saturday and Sundays from 10am till 2pm. Look at your **RECYCLING & WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR**.

CLF light bulbs pose yet another danger in a landfill example:

1. Leaks mercury and radiation
2. Mercury quickly contaminates a landfill
3. Can leach into rivers, streams, our lake and aqueducts.



It is worth noting that **LED light bulbs DO NOT CONTAIN MERCURY.**

