

## Don't bin your batteries!

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Local people can help make Trafford a greener place by using new battery banks installed across the Borough.

This means that batteries can be recycled into new products rather than being thrown in the bin and left to rot away in landfill sites. At the moment, around 600 million batteries are thrown away nationwide every year, which if laid end to end would reach from the UK to Australia and back. Only three per cent are recycled.

Executive Councillor John Reilly said: "Batteries can be found in every room in the house. They're used in children's toys, remote controls, mobile phones, alarm clocks and even doorbells. In fact, every person in Britain uses about 10 batteries a year!

Recycling is a great way to help protect the environment. Each battery placed in the recycling bin will be taken apart and the materials will be used to make something new."

You can recycle your batteries at the following locations in Trafford:

### Stretford

Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road

Greatstone Library, Stretford Leisure Centre, Greatstone Road

Stretford Library, Kingsway

Lostock Library, Selby Road

### Old Trafford

Old Trafford Library, Shrewsbury Street

### Altrincham

Altrincham Library, Stamford New Road

Altrincham Leisure Centre, Oakfield Road

### Sale

Coppice Library, Coppice Avenue

Sale Waterside Council Office, Sale Waterside

### Hale

Hale Library, Leigh Road

### Partington

Partington Library, Central Road

### Timperley

Timperley Library, Stockport Road

### Urmston

Urmston Library, Golden Way

Urmston Leisure Centre, Bowfell Road

### Davyhulme

Davyhulme Library, Hayeswater Road

George H Carnall Leisure Centre, Kingsway Park

### Flixton

Woodsend Library, Woodsend Road

6V, D, C, AA, AAA, 9V, and button cell batteries can all be taken to these points.

Local people may also want to think about other ways they can limit the use of batteries:

- Use rechargeable batteries wherever possible - you can even buy a solar powered recharger!
- Plug electrical equipment into the mains electricity
- Try to buy appliances that use renewable energy: a wind-up radio or torch, dynamo bicycle lights or a solar powered calculator.