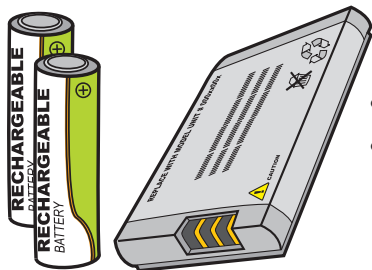


What your business needs to know about New York City's Rechargeable Battery Law



- **New York City stores that sell rechargeable batteries (or products containing rechargeable batteries) must accept rechargeable batteries for recycling** during normal business hours, no purchase necessary (per Local Law 97 of 2005).
- It is illegal to discard rechargeable batteries in the trash (or in residential recycling containers) in New York City.
- **Manufacturers are required to pay for the cost of collection and disposal of rechargeable batteries.** The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) is an organization set up by rechargeable battery manufacturers to facilitate the recycling of these products. RBRC runs a free rechargeable battery recycling program that your company can utilize to be in compliance with the NYC Rechargeable Battery Law.
- Rechargeable batteries may contain mercury, cadmium, lead, and other heavy metals that can be dangerous if not disposed of properly.

What kinds of stores are required to comply?

All New York City stores that sell rechargeable batteries (or products containing rechargeable batteries), with the exception of food stores with less than 14,000 square feet of display space, must comply with NYC's Rechargeable Battery Law.

How to comply:

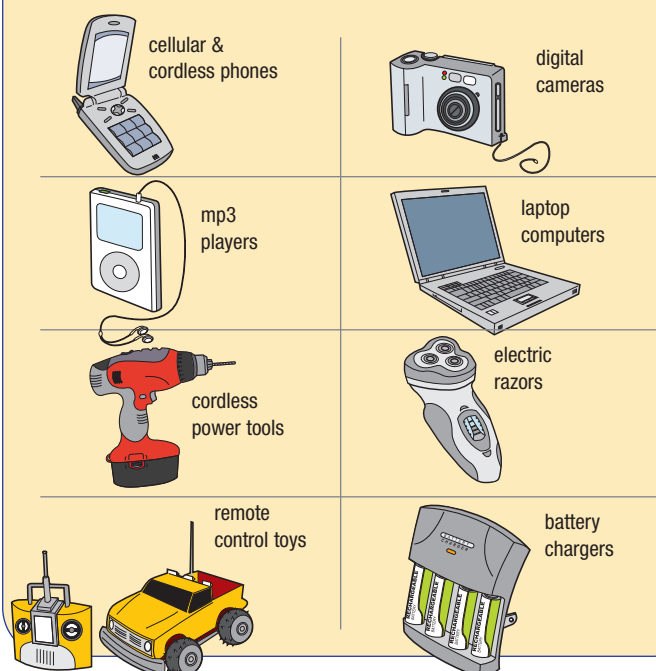
1. **Sign up online for the free RBRC recycling program** at www.call2recycle.org or call (800) 8-BATTERY (800-822-8837). Participants will receive a free collection container.
2. **Set up a convenient location within the store to accept rechargeable batteries.**
3. **Post a sign (8.5" x 11") near store entrance** that states:
It is illegal to dispose of rechargeable batteries in New York City as solid waste. We accept used rechargeable batteries for return to the manufacturer.
RBRC has free sample signs available for download for their participants.
4. **Accept rechargeable batteries** (up to ten per person) during normal business hours, no purchase necessary.
5. **Mail back full rechargeable battery collection containers to RBRC** using the prepaid shipping label on the container.



What must be accepted:

- Nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, lithium ion, or small lead rechargeable batteries.
- Stores are only required to accept the same types of rechargeable batteries that they sell; however, the RBRC program accepts all rechargeable batteries at no cost to the retailer.
- Stores must also accept rechargeable batteries found in the products they sell.

Examples of products containing rechargeable batteries:



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