

## REPORT OUTCOMES

Final recommendations of regional solid waste staff

In October of 2020, solid waste staff from Clark County, Waste Connections and the City of Vancouver completed a collective review of the report, *Residential Battery Recycling in Clark County*. Staff concluded that report findings justify altering battery collections to improve the safety and accessibility of residential battery recycling. Response options detailed in the report were discussed in depth, and staff determined the following recommendations are best for Clark County's community and solid waste system:

1. Create a satellite battery recycling system where residents can drop-off batteries for recycling at participating retail locations in Clark County.
2. End curbside battery collections in January 2022.
3. Provide strong outreach to inform residents of the transition from curbside battery collections to a drop-off program.
4. Support battery product stewardship.

Additional notes on project implementation:

- The project's timeline will be designed to align with the extension of Clark County's residential recycling hauling contract.
- Satellite battery recycling will be funded by Waste Connections through existing recycling contracts. Satellite locations will be voluntary and will be provided with pre-paid mail-in battery recycling kits.
- Clark County SWEO staff will coordinate the satellite battery recycling program by recruiting and assisting businesses to host battery collections.
- Outreach will be a strong component of this project to educate the public of these changes and to be transparent on why changes are needed.

Stakeholder and community input:

*Residential Battery Recycling in Clark County* and these final recommendations will be provided to regional stakeholders, including the Solid Waste Advisory Commission (SWAC) and the Regional Solid Waste System Steering Committee (RSWSSC). This project will only be effective with the approval of these stakeholders and community representatives. Solid waste staff agree that this project would be harmful to the county's currently unified residential recycling system if all cities do not accept these recommendations.

*Note: This "Stakeholder and community input" section will be updated following SWAC and RSWSSC meetings in Q1 2021. This updated document will be attached to the battery report to summarize final outcomes and action items. The report will be attached to the updated Solid Waste Management Plan.*