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NEW NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RECYCLING HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

ANN ARBOR, Mich., June 3, 2009 —According to the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, household batteries must be taped at both ends before recycling. Effective immediately **both battery terminal ends of used household batteries must be covered with tape** (clear, electrical, duct, or masking) before discarding in order to help prevent major incidents, such as fires, during battery transportation.

For Ann Arbor residents with curbside recycling pickups, household batteries must be taped at both ends before securing in a clear plastic bag and left outside the recycling bins and placed at the curb before 7 a.m. on the weekly solid waste and recycling pickup day. Due to these federal requirements, improperly prepared household batteries will not be able to be collected from the curbside in Ann Arbor.

Both ends of every battery also must be taped before placing in the household battery recycling bin at the county's Drop-Off Station at 2950 E. Ellsworth, 734.971.7400, operated by Recycle Ann Arbor, www.recycleannarbor.org. The Drop-Off Station also recycles car batteries and other materials.

Ann Arbor's recycling program description is posted online at www.a2gov.org/recycle and available on 24-hour recordings at 734.99-GREEN (994.7336).

The April 2009 U.S. DOT battery recycling preparation requirements letter is posted at: http://www.lamprecycling.com/local/pdf/Battery_Recycling_Advisory_Letter.pdf

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Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named the No. 1 Healthiest Hometown in the U.S. by AARP The Magazine in 2008. Other notable recognitions include: No. 27 of the top 100 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2008, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.