## Memorandum

То:	Facilities Management, Fine Arts, Housing / Residence Life, Information Technology, Library, Marine and Natural Science, Media Service, Performing Arts, Public Safety, SAAHP, SECCM, Student Programs and Leadership / Stage Crew
CC:	Office of General Counsel
From:	Environmental Health and Safety
Date:	3/11/2014
Re:	Campus Battery Recycling Program

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety has made the following updates to battery recycling program:

- Used alkaline batteries should be disposed of in the regular trash. Alkaline batteries are not truly regulated as universal wastes by the EPA or RIDEM. RWU will no longer collect alkaline batteries. (Note: older alkaline batteries will occasionally form a white crust around the ends these batteries can still go in the regular trash).
- 2. Each of the departments listed on this memo will be given a battery collection pail and Ziploc-style plastic bags. These collection pails and bags are for the department to use when disposing of any regulated batteries used by their department. **RWU does not accept any batteries from employees'** homes or other non-RWU sources.
  - a. Regulated batteries that can be disposed of in the collection pails include:
    - i. Lithium-Ion and AAAsized long-life batteries such as Energizer Advanced Lithium; see attached)
    - ii. Nickel-Cadmium / Nickel-Metal Hydride

## **New Battery Recycling Containers**

Bag all batteries individually before placing them into the container (this is a Dept. of Transportation requirement to prevent fires)





**DO NOT BAG TOGETHER!** 



**BAG INDIVIDUALLY!**