



BATTERY RECYCLING NOW AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC AT YNCU BRANCH LOCATIONS

YNCU joins thousands of companies across Ontario helping people recycle used household batteries

KITCHENER, ON | May 10, 2023 - Ontario residents looking to get rid of used or unwanted batteries can now drop them off at YNCU branches free of charge.

YNCU has joined thousands of other companies and retailers across the province helping people get rid of their unwanted batteries. Community members don't need to be members to take advantage of the program—battery recycling is available to everyone.

Improperly disposed batteries create environmental hazards. In 2009, only 5 percent of single-use batteries were properly recycled in Ontario. By 2019, that rate had increased to 50 percent, partly thanks to retailers and companies coming together to offer battery recycling to residents.

“Here at YNCU, we’re taking steps to ensure we’re leaving the world a better place than when we found it,” says Steve Baker, Director of Facilities at YNCU and leader of the Green Team. “We want our branches to thrive in healthy and safe communities. This recycling program will divert harmful battery chemicals from our landfills and help keep our planet clean.”

Batteries dropped off at YNCU locations will be shipped to Raw Materials Company in Port Colborne, Ont. for sorting and processing. Raw Materials Company separates single-use batteries into metals, minerals, plastics and paper. The entire battery is recovered and reused, keeping all materials from the landfill.

Anyone needing to recycle single-use batteries can visit a YNCU branch and drop the batteries into a marked bin. A full list of recycling locations across Ontario can be found [here](#).

With 17 branches and a network of surcharge-free ATMs, Ontarians can access financial services close to home across southwestern and northern Ontario. At \$2 billion+ in assets under administration and 53,000 members strong (and growing!), YNCU is one of the largest credit unions in Ontario. As a community-based organization, not only do YNCU's partnerships and investments make a difference, its employees live and work in the communities they serve. YNCU's foundation is built on connectedness to the communities where it operates. Yearly the organization sets aside a minimum of 1% of the pre-tax profit earned by the credit union in the previous fiscal year to be used for charitable organizations and associations that share its focus on improving our communities. Together with its members, employees and community partners, YNCU is helping to make life better in the places Ontarians live, work, learn and play!

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