

PRESS RELEASE

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ROTARY HOSTS LITHIUM BATTERY COLLECTION ON OCTOBER 21!

Redwood Materials partners with Rotary Clubs nationwide to provide free, convenient locations for community members to recycle their lithium-ion batteries.

SAN JOSE, Calif. – October 3, 2023 – Rotary District 5170 (www.rotarydistrict5170.org) takes climate change seriously and has established a Climate Action Committee to identify and address ways we can make an impact. In addition, Rotary clubs nationwide have partnered with Redwood Materials (www.redwoodmaterials.com) a circular supply chain to power a sustainable world and accelerate the reduction of fossil fuels.

Take Charge! Recycle Lithium-Ion Batteries Responsibly and WHY?

LITHIUM BATTERIES are composed of various metals such as cobalt, copper, nickel, and lithium. These same metals are found in the batteries of smartphones, laptops, and electric vehicles.

"If we recover materials from old end-of-life products that can be sustainably broken down into their raw metals nearly infinitely, we significantly decrease society's reliance on newly mined materials," **said Hung Wei, Rotary District 5170n Governor.**

The Problem:

There are limited avenues available for responsibly recycling these old products. This contributes to the fact that some of the largest lithium and cobalt mines in the western hemisphere can be found in junk drawers across America as people stockpile these products without proper information on safe disposal methods.

ABOUT THE DROPOFF COLLECTION:

Date: Saturday, October 21st, 2023

Time: 9am -1pm

Participating Rotary Clubs include:

- Los Altos Rotary Club
- San Jose Rotary Club
- Palo Alto Rotary Club
- Palo Alto/University Rotary Club
- Saratoga Rotary Club

Drop-off Locations:

1. Almond Elementary School - 550 Almond Ave., Los Altos
2. Westminster Presbyterian Church - 1100 Shasta Ave., San Jose
3. Presentation High School - 2281 Plummer Ave., San Jose
4. Cubberley Community Center - 4120 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto
5. West Valley College (Center circle b Lot #5) - 14000 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga

Popular Rechargeable Items to Bring:

- Cell Phones
- Electric Toothbrushes
- Laptops
- Wireless Headphones
- Tablets
- Power Tool Batteries

You may bring the entire item if it's difficult to remove the battery. Any remaining data will be safeguarded and destroyed!

For more information, including where to find lithium-ion batteries, please visit www.lithionrecycle.com.

For more information on Redwood Materials, visit their website at www.redwoodmaterials.com

ABOUT ROTARY DISTRICT 5170

Rotary District 5170, 61 clubs with 4,000 members is part of the Rotary International global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary International connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts life at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward polio-free world. For more information, visit [Rotary District 5170 at www.rotarydistrict5170.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5170.org).