



## PRESS RELEASE

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### PROPER DISPOSAL OF BATTERIES

Nationally landfills have seen an increase in fires. Waste and recycling facility fires are up 31 percent heading into December's historical holiday spike. We typically see an increase of fires during December. This is due to the influx in mixed municipal solid waste due to the holiday shopping season. These fires can be caused by fire hazards such as lithium ion batteries, pressurized tanks/containers, fuels, fertilizers, propane tanks, aerosols and more.

Lithium batteries are the cause for the increase in fires at the Crow Wing County Landfill. When residents throw rechargeable lithium batteries away they can easily start fires as they discharge. Lithium batteries can hold a much higher charge so they are more commonly used.

Please properly dispose of lithium batteries. Any rechargeable battery will be accepted at no charge as part of the county's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program. You may bring them to any HHW event. For questions on HHW event dates please contact the HHW office at 218-839-0854.

Batteries are also accepted for recycling free of charge at the landfill. The battery box is located in the recycling area and is accessible during regular landfill operating hours.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping residents and our local businesses make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Solid Waste Office at (218) 824-1290 or [land.services@crowwing.us](mailto:land.services@crowwing.us) to discuss hazardous waste, solid waste, demolition material, composting, or recycling activities. Crow Wing County landfill information and resources may be found at [www.crowwing.us](http://www.crowwing.us).

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