



AWCI ELM Charitable Trust Battery Recycling Program

The AWCI-ELM (Education, Library, and Museum) Charitable Trust has announced a new partnership with Star Refining of Michigan.

Star Refining would like to handle the recycling needs of AWCI members while at the same time benefiting the ELM Charitable Trust, a 501(c)3 IRS-recognized charitable organization. The purpose of the partnership is to make it easy for AWCI members to have their exhausted silver oxide batteries recycled. In doing so the AWCI member receives a tax benefit and helps the ELM Charitable Trust to continue its mission of education.

AWCI members with batteries to recycle can contact Pat Bracken of Star Refining toll free at 866-812-2333. Star will fax a UPS call tag pickup label. The batteries will then be picked up the next business day by UPS at Star's expense. If you don't have a fax machine you can contact Pat toll free at the number above to learn how and where to ship your materials and how to be reimbursed for your shipping cost.

Once your package is received at Star Refining you will receive notification from Star Refining within 24 hours of the weight and value of your exhausted batteries.

If your shipment isn't 100% silver oxide batteries, Star has a sorting service available. Normally, there is a sorting charge of \$2 per pound. Star has agreed to waive the sorting fee for participants in this program.

The dollar value of your shipment will depend on the price of silver on the day that Star receives your batteries. The London Fix will be the silver price standard for this program. Your reimbursement price per pound of sorted silver oxide batteries will be 1.23 times the price of silver per ounce. In other words, if silver is selling for \$10 per ounce, your price will be \$12.30 per pound.

That dollar value of your shipment will be the amount of your tax deductible donation to the ELM Charitable Trust. The ELM Charitable Trust will receive a check in your name for the amount quoted the day your shipment was received at Star Refining.

Once the ELM Trust receives the check, a letter acknowledging your donation will be sent to you from the ELM Charitable Trust. This letter is what is used by the IRS to verify your donation.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Star can also adapt this program to the refining of other precious metal scrap (gold, silver, platinum & palladium). The only difference would be turnaround time and pricing. Turnaround would be 15 working days. Star would pay participants 97% for gold scrap and 90% for the other precious metals.

With the support of Star Refining and the generosity of AWCI members, the ELM Charitable Trust will be able to renew an old revenue stream that has been missing for the last few years.

The Trustees of the ELM Charitable Trust thank you for your continued support.