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PORT ST. LUCIE JOINS NATIONAL CELL PHONE AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM

PORT ST. LUCIE – July 6, 2007 – The City of Port St. Lucie has joined a national program called *Call2Recycle*™ that helps residents conveniently recycle old cell phones and portable rechargeable batteries.



The city is working in cooperation with the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Cooperation (RBRC), a nonprofit organization that operates the *Call2Recycle*™ program. By participating in the RBRC program, Port St. Lucie residents help conserve natural resources and prevent cell phones and rechargeable batteries from entering the St. Lucie County landfill.

Now residents have three convenient locations with drop boxes in the city where they can drop off their old cell phones and batteries.

- City Hall – 121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Boulevard.
- Community Center – 2195 Airoso Boulevard.
- Public Works offices – 450 S.W. Thornhill Drive.

Nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, lithium ion, and lead are commonly found in cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, cordless power tools, two-way radios, camcorders, remote control toys, and a variety of other portable electronic products. When the battery can no longer hold a charge, it can and should be recycled.

Some of the cell phones collected will be refurbished and sold, and their proceeds will be donated to charities.

The RBRC organization says the average American cell phone user has a total of five or more of these electronic products in their possession, and the drop-off boxes at city buildings make it easier than ever to recycle them.

To learn more about the *Call2Recycle*™ program, visit their Web site at www.call2recycle.org or call toll free 1-877-2-RECYCLE.

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