

Zinc Saves Lives Battery Recycling Campaign FAQ

What is the campaign about?

The Zinc Saves Lives Battery Recycling Campaign provides participants with the opportunity to reduce the amount of electronic waste going to landfills and to help save a child's life. Every AA battery contains the same amount of zinc that can help save the lives of six children. Zinc deficiency is a global health challenge – 1.2 billion people worldwide are affected and hundreds of thousands of children die every year from complications associated with zinc deficiency.

For every battery* recycled during our campaign, Teck will donate the cash equivalent of the value of zinc it contains to WE in support of WE's zinc and health programs in Kenya.

* Up to a prescribed amount. Please see our [Terms & Conditions](#).

How long does the campaign last?

The Zinc Saves Lives Battery Recycling Campaign runs from September 19, 2019 until August 31, 2020.

How can I participate?

Join the campaign by dropping off used batteries at any Call2Recycle collection depot and reporting back to us. To find a collection depot near you, visit www.call2recycle.ca. After you drop off the batteries, please report the number of batteries recycled at www.zincsavestives.com to participate in the campaign.

Please Note: We will not be collecting batteries at any of the WE Day events this year.

Participate at school and in your community

Hold a Zinc Saves Lives battery recycling drive at your school or in your community! Encourage all students to bring used household batteries to reduce the amount of electronic waste going to landfills and help get life-saving zinc to those children who need it most.

Participate on Social Media

Help raise awareness about zinc deficiency by encouraging your schools, friends and families to join the Zinc Saves Lives Battery Recycling Campaign. Use the hashtag #zincsavestives on social media.

What is a Call2Recycle collection depot?

Canadian nonprofit Call2Recycle runs the Call2Recycle battery collection program and has depots across Canada to receive used batteries. A number of retailers, businesses, communities and government agencies collect batteries as part of this program. Visit www.call2recycle.ca to find a collection depot near you. After dropping off your batteries, please report the number of batteries recycled at www.zincsavestives.com to join the Zinc Saves Lives Battery Recycling Campaign.

What happens to the batteries?

Call2Recycle follows three simple steps when recycling batteries.

1. First, batteries are collected at various collection depots across Canada.
2. Then, the batteries are shipped to a sorting facility where they are separated by chemistry.
3. Finally, the batteries are shipped to a processor that extracts the usable chemicals and metals to be used in the manufacture of new products. All recycling occurs within North America, and nothing is disposed of in a landfill. No waste materials from the recycling process are exported out of the country.

To learn more, please visit www.call2recycle.ca.

Is there a cap on Teck's donation to WE?

Yes. In September 2020, Teck will donate to WE the cash equivalent to the value of zinc recycled from the batteries collected throughout the duration of the 2019-20 campaign at the price of CAD\$1.35 per pound of zinc, up to a maximum total of CAD\$10,000. Please refer to our [Terms & Conditions](#) on our website for more information.

What impact have the recycled batteries had so far?

Since the campaign launched at WE Day Toronto in October 2014, more than 3.6 million household batteries have been recycled and diverted from landfills. Once the batteries are collected from Call2Recycle, usable chemicals and metals, including zinc, are extracted and used to manufacture new products. All recycling occurs in North America and nothing is disposed of in a landfill. In September 2015 and September 2016, Teck donated the value of zinc recycled from each battery collected in the previous campaign to UNICEF in support of our Zinc & Health partnership in India. The funding has helped help get life-saving zinc tablets to children with zinc deficiency, train thousands of community health care workers, and strengthen health care systems in the most high burden regions of India. Since 2016, Teck has donated the cash equivalent of the value of zinc recycled from each battery to WE in support of WE's zinc and health programs in Kenya.

If more than one million batteries have been recycled, and one AA battery contains the amount of zinc to save the lives of six children, haven't we solved the issue?

Unfortunately, the solution to solving the global health challenge of zinc deficiency is not a simple one. Our Zinc Saves Lives Battery Recycling campaign has been very successful and has provided important support to our Zinc & Health partnership with UNICEF in India and will continue to do so through WE's programs in Kenya, but it's just one piece of the puzzle.

The challenge of preventing child deaths is not simply about directly providing life-saving zinc treatments to those who need it most. The program also involves work to address broader systemic barriers to child health in India and Kenya, including educating health care providers and families about the effectiveness of zinc as a treatment for diarrhea, eliminating zinc treatment stock-outs in rural health facilities, and strengthening each country's healthcare systems.

What is WE Day?

WE Day is an annual series of arena-sized events where students earn their tickets by doing one local and global action during the school year. WE Day brings together youth, educators, and families with world-renowned speakers and award-winning performers to celebrate and inspire another year of incredible change. Since 2007, 1,190,000+ youth leaders have attended WE Day. Through the 2017/2018 school year, campaigns run by youth involved in the WE School program in North America and the UK resulted in \$8.3 million raised for social causes, 10.8 million pounds of food collected for local causes, and 10.5 million volunteered hours for local and global causes. Teck has participated in WE Day as a National Platinum Sponsor since 2011 and has raised awareness about Zinc & Health at WE Day events across Canada. Learn more: www.we.org.

Who is Teck?

Teck is a diversified resource company committed to responsible mining and mineral development. Headquartered in Vancouver, Canada, Teck has major business units focused on copper, steelmaking coal, zinc and energy. The pursuit of sustainability guides Teck's approach to business. As one of the world's largest producers of zinc, Teck is committed to raising awareness about, and helping solve, the global issue of zinc deficiency. Our Zinc & Health program works with international organizations such as UNICEF, the World Food Program, and the Government of Canada to help deliver life-saving zinc treatments to those in need. Learn more: www.zincsavestives.com

Who is WE?

WE is a movement that brings people together and aims to give them the tools to change the world and take action on local and global issues. The organization focuses on young people, with programs in Canada, the U.S. and U.K. for service learning and active citizenship, including programs in nearly 14,500 schools. WE Day is WE's annual youth empowerment event that motivates young people to become socially engaged. WE was formerly known as Free the Children. Learn more: <https://www.we.org/>

Who is UNICEF?

UNICEF has saved more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization. As part of the UN, UNICEF is active in more than 190 countries. UNICEF provides children with healthcare and immunization, clean water, nutrition and food security, education, emergency relief and more. UNICEF is supported entirely by voluntary donations. Teck has partnered with UNICEF since 2009 in Namibia, Nepal and Peru, and is currently engaged in a \$5 million partnership with UNICEF to scale up access to life-saving zinc and oral rehydration salts in India. Learn more: www.unicef.ca

Who is Call2Recycle?

Call2Recycle is a no-cost used battery collection program with a network of more than 30,000 collection sites throughout North America. Since 1996, Call2Recycle has helped divert more than 35 million kg of rechargeable batteries from the solid waste stream. Learn more: www.call2recycle.ca.