

## Rebuild Batteries Better Than New

You don't have to toss your old cordless drill just because the battery's worn out and the company stopped making replacements. Primecell, a Bedford, Penn. company, has been rebuilding batteries for nearly 20 years.

"Battery technology changes so quickly that a lot of product today is made to be disposed of after 3 to 5 years," says Joel Cunard, owner of Primecell. "People can't find a replacement for their battery, so they have to throw out the tool."

Recent developments have resulted in huge improvements in cell performance. NiCd storage capacity has increased by as much as 50 percent. Rebuilding improves tool performance to state of the art technology. Not only are rebuilds less expensive than a replacement, but more than 97 percent end up with increased capacity.

Many rechargeable NiCd products can be upgraded to NiMh Cells. Original NiMh batteries normally have to be recharged with expensive NiMh chargers. Primecell is often able to install circuits that allow the rebuilt batteries to be charged with the original NiCd chargers, yet enjoy the greater NiMh

cell capacity.

"The company works with orders of all sizes," says Cunard. He cites customers as diverse as AT&T and NASA to individual ham radio operators, paramedics and home handymen.

"We pride ourselves on single orders for individuals, but we also do large orders for companies," says Cunard. "A new battery might cost \$100. We can rebuild for \$40."

One battery the company hasn't developed a process for is lithium ion rechargeables. Popular for their energy density, they are very expensive to replace, notes Cunard, and can be killed if undercharged or overcharged.

Visit Primecell's website for a long list of batteries that can be rebuilt and information on assessing your battery's health. Cunard suggests requesting an estimate before



**Primecell has developed a way to open batteries to replace the cells, then reseal them without damage.**

sending in a battery.

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## Idea Keeps Fenceposts Looking Good

"I had trouble for years trimming grass around the base of treated wood fenceposts on my property. After only a few trimmings, the black fence coating would be eaten away by the trimmer string, leaving an unsightly gap at the bottom of each post," says James Columbia, Maysville, Ky.

"I tried wrapping the post bases with plastic tubing and wire mesh but I didn't like the way that looked. Then I happened to find Plasti-Kote Truck Bed Liner on sale at Wal-Mart. I bought a couple of cans and sprayed a coating over the bottom 6 to 8 in. of each post. The spray dried to the same color as the post coating and has stood up to weekly trimmings for the past two years without a scratch. The spray is available in gallon paint containers, but I prefer aerosol cans for simpler application. I can spray a double coating on 5 to 6 posts per can."

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## Barnyard Burner Refuse Incinerator

Do you have trash, oily waste or yard waste to burn? Want to do so quickly without smoke or smell? The Barnyard Burner is just what you need. This innovative device uses forced air to create a whirlwind of fire inside a standard 55 gallon, open-head drum that will destroy nearly all non-hazardous waste and leave only ashes behind.

The temperature inside the drum is increased dramatically by high-velocity air flow while the unique lid design of the Barnyard Burner traps smoke, sparks and particles that would normally escape from a standard burn barrel and re-circulates them through this intense heat. As a result, a completely smokeless fire is produced.

The Barnyard Burner can destroy nearly any type of non-hazardous, burnable waste such as household trash, feed and seed sacks, papers and magazines, oily rags and filters and waste oil. It is ideal for household or farm use and is available immediately.



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