

# Spotlight Battery Policy Sheet

**-Use rechargeable batteries (if applicable) for every rehearsal and performance and whenever possible but only under the condition that they have been allowed to charge for a minimum of 3 hours\*\*\* (Not back to back school day shows).**

**-Every performance demands a brand new Alkaline Battery or fully charged rechargeable battery.**

**-The used batteries that you have received are to be used for rehearsals only. Use them until failure.**

**-Discard the used alkaline batteries you were sent that have been used for a rehearsal.**

**-New alkaline batteries used for 1 performance are to be sent back to Spotlight neatly placed back in the original boxes. DO NOT return batteries loosely packed in a bag or box.**

**-If you do have to purchase your own batteries, you must purchase Alkaline batteries.**

**Make sure your chargers are plugged into an electrical circuit that is not switched off overnight.**

**Make sure that the red indicator light is glowing when the battery is placed in the charger.**

## **\*\*\*Rechargeable battery addendum:**

Our Lithium Polymer rechargeable batteries use a very different technology than expendable Alkaline batteries. Because of this, they do not read the same in the microphone transmitters, volt meters, or battery testers since they actually operate at a different voltage.

Do not panic if a microphone transmitter only shows two, or even one bar of charge remaining on a freshly charged rechargeable. Those meters are unsophisticated volt meters and reflect no relationship to battery life with the rechargeable batteries.

We have done extensive testing and the rechargeable batteries perform better than name brand alkaline batteries for a significant portion of their lifespan. We also replace them annually.

If you are having trouble with one, verify that its prongs are not bent and it is making a solid connection to its charger. In the rare event that one is actually DOA or not performing well enough to make it through a show, please mark it as such and note it on the packing slip and we will replace it right away. Please contact the Spotlight Tech Staff if you have any questions or if you need additional help.