

BATTERY DISPOSAL 411

Battery Type	Common Name	Sizes Available	Examples of Use	Disposal Classification	Proper Disposal
Alkaline (manganese)	Coppertop, Alkaline	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Flashlights, calculators, toys, clocks, smoke alarms, remote controls	These batteries are classified by the federal government as non-hazardous waste.	Place in the trash (normal municipal waste). Exceptions: California which requires non-households to dispose of these batteries in accordance with the California Universal Waste Rules.
Button	Mercuric Oxide, Silver Oxide, Lithium, Alkaline, Zinc-Air	Sizes vary	Watches, hearing aids, toys, greeting cards, remote controls	hazardous waste	Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site http://earth911.com/recycling/
Carbon Zinc	"Classic", Heavy Duty, General Purpose, All Purpose, Power Cell	AAA, AA, C, D 6V, 9V	Flashlights, calculators, toys, clocks, smoke alarms, remote controls, transistor radios, garage door openers	These batteries are classified by the federal government as non-hazardous waste.	Place in the trash (normal municipal waste). Exceptions: California requires non-households to dispose of these batteries in accordance with the California Universal Waste Rules. Also, Minnesota (Hennipen County only) requires these batteries be disposed as a hazardous waste.
Lithium / Lithium Ion	Usually has "lithium" label on the battery	3V, 6V, 3V button	Cameras, calculators, computer memory back- up, tennis shoes	These batteries are classified by the federal government as non-hazardous waste	They can be recycled! To find a center near you that will take them, click here! http://earth911.com/recycling/
Nickel-Cadmium (Rechargeable)	Either unlabeled or labeled "Ni-Cd"	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Flashlights, toys, cellular phones, power tools, computer packs	hazardous waste	To find a center near you that will take them, click here! http://earth911.com/recycling/
Nickel Metal Hydride (Rechargeable)	Either unlabeled or labeled "Ni-Li" or "Ni-Hydride)	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Flashlights, toys, cellular phones, power tools, computer packs	non-hazardous waste - except in California, which requires non-households to dispose of these batteries in accordance with the California Universal Waste Rules.	Safe for disposal in the normal municipal waste stream. These batteries are also acceptable for recycling by the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation's (RBRC) Battery Recycling Program. http://www.call2recycle.org/locator/
Reusable Alkaline Manganese (Rechargeable)	Renewal	AAA, AA, C, D	Flashlights, calculators, toys, clocks, radios, remote controls		Place in the trash
Sealed Lead Acid (Rechargeable)	"Gel," VRB, AGM, Cyclone, EI Power, Dynasty, Gates, Lithonia, Saft, Panasonic, Yuasa	Multiples of 2 Volts: 2V, 6V, 12V	Video cameras, power tools, wheelchairs, ATV's, metal detectors, clocks, cameras	hazardous waste	To find a center near you that will take them, click here! http://earth911.com/recycling/

Most places that sell car batteries will also accept them for recycling. There may be a fee for this service.
A metal recycler may pay you for your car battery. Look in the yellow pages under "Recycling Centers" for a list of recyclers.

Silver Oxide Panasonic Silver Oxide Sizes vary Watches, hearing aids, toys, greeting cards, remote controls hazardous waste Non-Consumers must dispose of these batteries in full compliance with the hazardous waste rules. Consumers are covered by the Household exemption under RCRA which allows for these batteries to be disposed of into the municipal waste stream. These batteries are also acceptable for recycling by the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation's (RBRC) Battery Recycling Program at <http://www.call2recycle.org/locator/>.