

Real Disposal and Recycling Methods

Battery Type	Common Name	Sizes	Application	Disposal Classification	Proper Disposal
Alkaline (manganese)	Alkaline, Coppertop	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, requires non-households to dispose of these batteries in accordance with the California Universal Waste Rules
Coin Cell, Button	Lithium, Alkaline	Sizes Vary	Watches, hearing aids, toys, calculators, greeting cards, remote controls	Hazardous Waste	Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site
Lithium / Lithium Ion	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!
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! or Bring to a Household HazardousWaste Collection Site
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.
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, El 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! Bring to a Household HazardousWaste Collection Site