



Disposal of Batteries



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Alkaline/Non-Alkaline Batteries

Single use Alkaline and Carbon-Zinc Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 6V & 9V) are wasteful, but not hazardous. These batteries can be disposed of in the trash. Our trash goes to Covanta SEMASS, therefore the metal is recovered. All non-alkaline batteries contain hazardous and/or valuable materials. Since it takes about 50 times more energy to make a battery than you get out of it, it is better to use rechargeable batteries.



Button Batteries

Most small, round batteries found in items such as watches and hearing aids contain mercury, silver, cadmium, lithium or other heavy metals. If the store you purchased them from will not accept for recycling, please bring to a Hazardous Waste Collection Event.



Automotive Batteries

Automotive and Small Sealed Lead batteries are banned from disposal due to their lead content and may have some scrap value. Our recycling center located at 5 Arsene Street will accept automotive batteries for recycling.



Call2Recycle

Provides the collection boxes at many retail and municipal locations for batteries commonly found in cordless power tools, phones, laptop computers, digital cameras and remote control toys: Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn), Lithium Ion (Li-ion) and Small Sealed Lead (Pb). **Please seal spent lithium batteries in a dry plastic bag and bring to a Hazardous Waste Collection Event.**

Find locations near you at <http://www.call2recycle.org/locator>