

Battery Disposal Guide

Battery Type	Common Name	Sizes Available	Examples of Use	Disposal classification
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.
Button	Mercuric Oxide, Silver Oxide, Lithium, Alkaline, Zinc-Air	Sizes vary	Watches, hearing aids, toys, greeting cards, remote controls	hazardous waste
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.
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
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
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.
Reusable Alkaline Manganese (Rechargeable)	Renewal	AAA, AA, C, D	Flashlights, calculators, toys, clocks, radios, remote controls	Non-hazardous waste.
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
Lead Acid Vehicle Batteries	AutoZone, Sears Die Hard, Yuasa	12V, 6V	Cars, trucks, motorcycles	hazardous waste
Silver Oxide	Panasonic Silver Oxide	Sizes vary	Watches, hearing aids, toys, greeting cards, remote controls	hazardous waste