

## Battery Recycling and Disposal Guide



When storing, transporting, or disposing batteries, please use caution to keep them from short-circuiting, overheating, or sparking. For lithium-ion batteries, place each individual battery in a separate plastic bag. For all other household batteries, use tape across the ends of to prevent battery ends from touching one another or striking against metal surfaces, then place in a plastic bag for disposal, or recycling. Damaged, Defective, and Recalled batteries require special handling and are not accepted in recycling programs and should never be put in the trash; contact the manufacturer directly. Many home improvement, office supply, and electronics retailers offer drop off battery recycling; check ahead to verify availability. For more information about battery recycling and to find drop off locations, visit <https://www.call2recycle.org/>

Battery Type	Available Sizes	Example Uses	How and Where to Recycle or Dispose
<b>Alkaline Non-rechargeable</b>	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Various, everyday household items; clocks, toys, flashlights, remote controls, etc.	Should be recycled; drop-off at select retailers - call ahead to verify availability. Acceptable for disposal in trash.
<b>Carbon Zinc (Heavy Duty) Non-rechargeable</b>	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Various, everyday household items; clocks, toys, flashlights, remote controls, etc.	Should be recycled; drop-off at select retailers - call ahead to verify availability. Acceptable for disposal in trash.
<b>Lithium/Lithium Ion (Li, Li-ion) (Button Cell, Coin) Non-rechargeable &amp; Rechargeable</b>	Sizes Vary	Cameras, calculators, computers, tablets, smart watches, electronics, etc.	DO NOT DISPOSE IN TRASH. Should be recycled; drop-off at select retailers - call ahead to verify availability. Accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Takeback.
<b>Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cd) Rechargeable</b>	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Cordless power tools, handheld vacuums, digital cameras, etc.	DO NOT DISPOSE IN TRASH. Should be recycled; drop-off at select retailers - call ahead to verify availability. Accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Takeback.
<b>Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH or NiMH) Rechargeable</b>	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Cordless power tools, handheld vacuums, digital cameras, two-way radios, etc.	DO NOT DISPOSE IN TRASH. Should be recycled; drop-off at select retailers - call ahead to verify availability. Accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Takeback.
<b>Small Sealed Lead-Acid Rechargeable</b>	2V, 6V, 12V	Mobility scooters, wheelchairs, ride-on toys, ATV's, lawn mowers, etc.	DO NOT DISPOSE IN TRASH. Accepted at the Recycling Center @ Northern Landfill. May be returnable to retailer.
<b>Lead-Acid (AGM, SLA, Gel Cell) Rechargeable</b>	6V, 12V	Cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, etc.	DO NOT DISPOSE IN TRASH. Accepted at the Recycling Center @ Northern Landfill. May be returnable to retailer.

For additional information, contact the Office of Recycling at 410-386-2510 or [recycling@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:recycling@carrollcountymd.gov)

