

Battery Disposal Guide

Batteries can contain heavy metals and precious materials. Even used batteries can start fires. Most batteries should be brought to a battery recycler or HHW but some single-use batteries can be safely placed in the trash. If a device has a battery that cannot be removed, bring to an e-waste recycler.

Rechargeable: batteries designed to be used over and over. Sold alone or built into devices.

Lithium Ion (Li-ion)

common in laptops, toys, e-cigarettes, or standard sizes.



Disposal: Place individually in plastic bags or cover terminals with clear packing tape. Do not bend or crush the battery. Bring to a recycler or HHW.

Nickel Cadmium (Ni-CAD)

may be built into appliances or sold alone as sizes AA or AAA.



Disposal: Place individually in plastic bags or cover terminals with clear packing tape. Bring to a recycler or HHW.

Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH)

used in computers, cellphones, power tools, two-way radios, or sizes AA or AAA.



Disposal: Place individually in plastic bags or cover terminals with clear packing tape. Bring to a recycler or an HHW event.

Sealed Lead Acid

Used for emergency lighting, power backups, and security systems.



Disposal: Cover terminals with clear packing tape. Bring to a recycler.

Single-Use: designed to be used once and then discarded.

Alkaline and Zinc-Carbon

Common in households, sizes include 9V, AAA, AA, C and D.



Disposal: Newer batteries that expire after 1998 can be placed in the trash. Older batteries may contain mercury and should be taken to an HHW event.

Lithium Single Use

Found in cameras, watches, smoke detectors, or standard sizes.



Disposal: Place in separate plastic bags or cover terminals with clear packing tape. Bring to an HHW event.

Button Cells

Small, disc shaped batteries commonly used in hearing aids, watches, and calculators.

Disposal: Stick between two pieces of clear packing tape or place each in a plastic bag so the batteries do not touch each other. Do not store in a pile. Bring to an HHW event.



Find battery recycling locations at www.call2recycle.org

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections
for residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack,
Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham
Visit www.nashuarpc.org/hhw or scan code:

