



# Household Battery Recycling

## Use the chart below to determine which household batteries you can easily recycle

To reduce risk of fire, tape ends of batteries with clear packing tape and store in non-metal leakproof container with a lid (such as a plastic bucket). Keep closed when not adding batteries. Lead acid vehicle batteries **MUST** be recycled under state law and can be returned to any car battery dealer at no cost. Other batteries, listed as "Difficult to recycle," may be recyclable but at higher cost. If recycling is not a viable option, you may throw these batteries in the trash.

## Where to recycle?

Visit [WisconsinRecyclingDirectory.com](http://WisconsinRecyclingDirectory.com) or [Call2Recycle.org](http://Call2Recycle.org) to find battery drop-off locations, or contact your local recycling program. Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) search "ecycle" to find collection sites for recycling electronics with lithium ion batteries.

Battery Type	Uses	Sizes
<b>RECYCLING ENCOURAGED</b>		
Reusable Alkaline Manganese (rechargeable)	Flashlights, toys, clocks, portable electronics, smoke alarms, remote controls	AAA, AA, C, D
Lithium/Lithium Ion (Li/Li-ion)	Cell phones, laptops, other portable electronics, power tools, power banks, toys, electronic cigarettes/vaping devices	3V, 6V, 9V, Button, AAA, AA, C, D
Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cd) (rechargeable)	Flashlights, toys, cellular phones, power tools, computer packs, R/C hobby vehicles	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V
Nickel-Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) (rechargeable)	Same as Nickel-Cadmium (above)	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V
Sealed Lead Acid (Pb) (rechargeable)	Video cameras, power tools, wheelchairs, ATV's, metal detectors, clocks, cameras	Multiples of 2 Volts: 2V, 6V, 12V
Lead Acid vehicle batteries (banned from WI landfills)	Cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats and other vehicles	12V, 6V
<b>DISPOSABLE - NOT EASILY RECYCLED</b>		
Button - multiple types	Watches, hearing aids, small portable electronics, computer motherboards, toys, greeting cards, remote controls	Sizes vary
Alkaline (Manganese)	Flashlights, toys, clocks, portable electronics, smoke alarms, remote controls	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V
Carbon Zinc	Low drain devices, such as calculators, toys, clocks, smoke alarms, remote controls, transistor radios, garage door openers	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V
Zinc-air	Hearing aids, medical devices	Button, 9V
Silver Oxide	Watches, hearing aids, toys, greeting cards, remote controls	Sizes vary
Mercury Oxide (now banned in U.S.)	Watches, calculators, hearing aids	Sizes vary

