

Battery Recycling

Some Batteries Contain
Mercury, Cadmium and/or Lead
 ~ Help Keep Them Out Of Our Environment ~

Wonder what to do with used batteries?

Simply follow the Rule of Thumb:

Button and rechargeable batteries must be recycled.

Most non-rechargeable batteries can be tossed in the trash.

Battery Basics

BATTERY TYPE COMMON NAME	PROPER DISPOSAL	EXAMPLES OF USE
VEHICLE		
Lead- Acid Wet Cell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to purchase retailer Bring to Household Hazardous Waste Collection 	Cars, boats, snowmobiles, golf carts, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and some wheelchairs
BUTTON		
Alkaline Button	Throw in trash	Radios, toys, calculators, electronic games and watches.
Mercuric Oxide Button	Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below	Hearing aids
Nickel Cadmium Button	Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below	Commercial applications – computers dog collars
Silver Oxide Button	Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below	Hearing Aids, watches, calculators Toys, musical greeting cards / Books.
Lithium Button	Throw in trash	Cameras, calculators, computer memory back-up, pagers, watches hearing aids, digital thermometers And smoke detectors
Zinc-Air Button	Throw in trash	Hearing aids, portable computers and pagers.
RECHARGABLE		
Lead-Acid or Gel Cell (Non-automotive)	Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below	Video Camera, cell phones, cordless phones, flashlights,

Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)	Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below	power tools, clocks, portable computers, home security systems, some wheel chairs, appliances, weed trimmers, camcorders, pagers and toys.
Lithium Ion (Li-ion)	Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below	
Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)	Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below	
Small Sealed Lead (Pb)	Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below	
Alkaline	Throw in trash	Flashlights, radios, toys, remote controls, electronic games, portable radios and televisions and garage door openers.
NON-RECHARGABLE		
Alkaline	Throw in trash	Flashlights, radios, toys, remote controls, electronic games, portable radios and televisions and garage door openers.
Lithium	Throw in trash – unless larger than 9 volt	Camera, computer memory backup, video equipment, remote controls and garage door openers.
Carbon Zinc (Heavy Duty)	Throw in trash	Clocks garage door openers, pagers, smoke detectors, electric fence controllers, alarms, lighting and lanterns
Silver Oxide	Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below	Cameras and invisible fencing

HOT TIP!	REDUCE WASTE: Use electricity, not batteries in dual-powered products whenever possible. Buy rechargeable or long lasting batteries. Example: Two AA Ni-Cd rechargeable batteries can replace up to 600 single-use batteries.
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To properly dispose of batteries, which should not be placed in the trash, bring them to a household hazardous waste collection, during the summer months, or place them in a drop box in one of the following locations:

- Faribault County Courthouse, Blue Earth, Minnesota
- Bricelyn City Hall
- Pioneer Bank - Delavan
- Elmore City Hall / Liquor Store
- Kiester City Hall / Liquor Store
- Minnesota Lake City Hall

- Wells Municipal Liquor Store
- Winnebago City Hall

For more information call the Prairieland Solid Waste Coordinator,
(507) 238-3115 or toll free (888) 783-3110