

Proper Battery Recycling and Disposal

Why Recycle Batteries?

Many items that we use every day function on batteries. Cellphones, laptops, flashlights, remotes, and other devices run on batteries. While today's alkaline batteries are less toxic than they used to be, all batteries contain substances that can be harmful to the environment. This can include zinc, lead, mercury, nickel, cadmium, and silver.



When batteries end up in landfills they can contaminate soil and water supplies. If batteries are burned they cause air pollution. Broken and leaking batteries can cause external burns and skin irritation.

Tips and Recycling Options:

- Recycle [household batteries](#), by putting them in a clear, re-sealable plastic bag and place them on the lid of your recycling cart on your regular pick up day. This is available in Clark County and the City of Vancouver.
- Find local locations to recycle different types of batteries by using the [Clark County Recycling Directory](#) or for Portland residents, use Metro's [Find a Recycler](#) database.
- Environmental Health and Safety recycles rechargeable batteries and cell phones through [Call2Recycle](#).
- Use rechargeable batteries if possible.
- Properly store batteries until they can be disposed of.



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