Household Battery Recycling

Use the chart below to determine which household batteries you can easily recycle, usually at no or low cost. To reduce risk, 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? Call your local recycling program for information on where to take batteries for recycling, or go to dnr.wi.gov and search "markets directory" to find a recycler.

Battery Type	Uses	Sizes
RECYCLING ENCOURAGED		
Reusable Alkaline Manganese (Rechargeable)	Flashlights, toys, clocks, portable electronics, smoke alarms, remote controls	AAA, AA, C, D
Lithium/Lithium Ion	Portable electronics, power tools, computer packs	3V, 6V, 9V, Button, AAA, AA, C, D
Nickel-Cadmium (Rechargeable)	Flashlights, toys, cellular phones, power tools, computer packs, R/C hobby vehicles	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V
Nickel-Metal Hydride (Rechargeable)	Same as Nickel-Cadmium (above)	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V
Sealed Lead Acid (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
DISPOSABLE - NOT EASILY RECYCLED		
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 US)	Watches, calculators, hearing aids	Sizes Vary

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