

## HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES



A variety of batteries are used to power household appliances, such as cell phones, hearing aids, camcorders, calculators, watches, radios, cameras, and toys. Many of these batteries may contain small amounts of heavy metals such as cadmium and mercury that are toxic at certain levels and require special disposal.

The only batteries that can safely be placed in the trash are Alkaline batteries, such as those commonly used in flashlights and designated by the letters AA, AAA, C, and D. Since 1996, alkaline batteries have been made without hazardous materials based on U.S. legislation requiring manufacturers to phase out the use of mercury in their batteries.

### Where Can I Recycle My Batteries?

Stores which sell small sealed lead acid, nickel cadmium rechargeable batteries (Ni-Cd) and button type batteries commonly used in cell phones, camcorders, laptop computers, power tools and radio control toys should take back your spent batteries.

For rechargeable batteries visit [www.rbrc.org/call2recycle/](http://www.rbrc.org/call2recycle/) or call 1-800-8-BATTERY to find the retail collection site nearest you or Burlington County Residents can take them to the Burlington County Hazardous Waste Facility 609-499-5200

### Which Batteries Should You Recycle?

Batteries are not always labeled by type. The following descriptions should help you decide which type of battery you have.

#### ***Batteries that are no longer hazardous***\_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Use &amp; Description</u></b>	<b><u>Disposal</u></b>
Alkaline	Commonly used in flashlights and wall clocks. Often labeled "alkaline" or "Mercury & Cadmium Free"	Place in regular trash

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***Batteries that are still hazardous \_\_\_\_\_  
and should be taken to a battery dropoff location.***

<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Use &amp; Description</u></b>	<b><u>Disposal</u></b>
Button style	Used in hearing aids Small and round, usually 1" or less in diameter	Most places that sell these new will recycle the old batteries or residents of Burlington County can take them to the Burlington County Hazardous Waste Facility 609-499-5200
Rechargeable Batteries	Commonly used in cordless power tools, cellular & cordless phones, digital cameras & remote control toys	Most places that sell rechargeable batteries new have a drop off for the old visit <a href="http://www.rbrc.org/call2recycle/">www.rbrc.org/call2recycle/</a> to find the retail location near you.

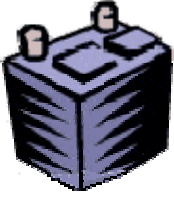
**RECHARGABLE BATTERIES INCLUDE:**

Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cd)  
Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)  
Lithium Ion (Li-ion)  
Small Sealed Lead Acid (Pb)\*  
\*weighing less than 2 lbs.

Stores such as Home Depot, Radio Shack, Staples, Walmart, and Target along with other retailers that sell rechargeable batteries should take them back from you at no charge. [www.rbrc.org/call2recycle/](http://www.rbrc.org/call2recycle/) or call 1-800-8-BATTERY to find the retail location near you.

**How to prepare household batteries for Drop off:**

Batteries should be kept dry. If you have leaky batteries, place them in a sealed plastic bag before depositing them in a battery drop off container.



## **LEAD ACID BATTERIES IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISPOSE OF LEAD ACID BATTERIES IN YOUR TRASH**

Lead acid batteries used in automobiles, trucks and boats have a high content of toxic and highly corrosive sulfuric acid. The lead from these batteries can be recovered through smelting.

### **How to recycle lead acid batteries:**

Lead acid batteries are usually accepted at automotive centers such as Pep Boys and Sears. A rebate is commonly given for your old battery when you purchase a new one.

You may also:

- Check to see if your municipality has a drop off collection site for lead acid batteries.
- Bring lead acid batteries to the Burlington County Resource Recovery Facility free of charge.
- Take lead acid batteries to a commercial vendor.

### **Lead Acid Battery Recyclers**

#### **Wade Salvage, Inc.**

293 Jackson Road, Atco, NJ 08004  
856-767-2760

**OTHER HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS – KEEP HAZARDOUS  
MATERIALS OUT OF THE LANDFILL AND PROTECT OUR GROUNDWATER.**

