



# Battery Recycling Basics

Old batteries still contain a charge and can spark and catch fire if stored improperly or damaged. DO NOT throw old batteries in the garbage (except **alkaline** batteries). Household and rechargeable batteries are recyclable and should be carefully stored and prepared for drop-off.

**TAPE THE ENDS OF BATTERIES for safe storage and recycling.**

## Batteries accepted at battery recycling drop-off sites (household quantities only)

- 6-volt & 9-volt
- Button cell (in watches, cameras, hearing aids)
- Rechargeable (in cell phones, N-Cd, Ni-MH, Li-Ion)

\* Alkaline batteries should go in the garbage (AAA, AA, C, and D). ATTENTION! Read labels carefully. Some Li-ion batteries look like traditional alkaline batteries. When in doubt, recycle the battery.

## Preparation steps

- Dispose of any battery labeled **alkaline** in the garbage.
- Tape all other battery ends using clear tape (packaging tape – not Scotch tape) to prevent batteries from sparking and potentially causing a fire.
- Place batteries in a 1-quart, zip-sealed plastic bag and take your batteries to a local battery recycling drop-off site.

**Please note:** Not all drop-off sites accept car batteries or other lead-acid batteries. Car batteries (and other batteries) are accepted at Lane County Transfer Stations, select automotive shops, and some large retail locations with auto battery recycling programs. EV batteries are not accepted at the transfer stations. Please contact your automobile dealer for safe disposal options.

If you have any questions or need to confirm where service is available, please search for battery drop-off sites on the [Waste Wise](#) app or call Lane County Waste Management – Waste Reduction Team at (541) 682-4339.



# Accepted Primary (Single-Use) Batteries



Alkaline: AA, AAA, 6V,  
9V, C, D, Button cell



Lithium Primary, Button cell

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# Accepted Rechargeable Batteries



Nickel Cadmium (N-Cd)



Lithium Ion (LI-Ion)



Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)



Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb)



Nickel Zinc (NI-Zn)

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Figure 1 Call2Recycle

