

Household battery recycling and disposal

Once a battery is used up or no longer useful, the battery's chemistry will determine how best to dispose of it. Look on the battery's label or packaging to identify what it is made of, then use this guide to identify the safe disposal method.

Many stores that sell electronics or batteries will accept used batteries. Be sure to call first.

Most counties have household hazardous waste (HHW) collection sites. Find yours by contacting

your county solid waste office, or contact the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency: www.pca.state.mn.us/hhw or call 651-296-6300, 800-657-3864 toll free.



Rechargeable batteries: recycle at retailer or HHW site



Nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd)



Lithium ion (Li-ion)



Nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH)



Small sealed lead acid (Pb)

- ▶ To recycle, check with your local store, or find one by calling the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corp. at **1-800-8-BATTERY**, or going to their web site at www.rbrc.org.



Single-use batteries: take to retailer or HHW site



Button

Lithium

Contact your county HHW site for collection options.

- ▶ Lithium batteries may be reactive. Place each in a separate plastic bag or place non-conductive (electrical) tape over the battery terminals.
- ▶ Place tape around each button battery.



Vehicle batteries: take to retailer



Lead acid

- ▶ By law, auto battery retailers must accept up to five lead-acid batteries from consumers free of charge.



Single-use batteries: safe to place in trash.



Carbon zinc



Alkaline

- ▶ **Alkaline exceptions:** if purchased in 1993 or earlier, take to your HHW collection site.

