











BATTERY RECYCLING GUIDE

In order to comply with state and federal laws regarding battery safety during storage and transport, customers are required to identify and package batteries before they are dropped off for recycling.

Type of Battery	Photo	Description	Preparation	Additional Info
Alkaline (also Heavy Duty and General Purpose)		Round 1 terminal Sizes AAA, AA, C,D.	No protective packaging needed. Must be kept separate from other batteries.	Most are marked "Alkaline". If marked "Lithium" "Cadmium" or "Rechargeable", it's not Alkaline. *LIMIT: 1 quart size Ziploc bag full of batteries per customer, per drop off
Alkaline		Square or Rectangle 2 terminals or springs 9v, etc.	Cover terminals or springs with duct tape. Or seal battery in Ziploc bag, 1 battery per bag.	Common type is long lasting 9V battery 
Lithium Primary Cell		Most look like Alkaline but may be blue.	Lay batteries side by side on a piece of clear packing tape, sticky side up. Use another piece of tape on the top and bottom of batteries so the terminals cannot touch each other or any other batteries. Or seal each battery in its own Ziploc bag.	Example of properly taped up batteries 
Lithium Ion or Lithium Polymer		Comes in a variety of shapes and sizes including flat, thin, rechargeable batteries for cell phones.	Seal battery in Ziploc bag, one battery per bag.	
NiMH (Nickel Metal Hydride Seal Cell) NiCD (Nickel Metal Cadmium Seal Cell)		Rechargeable. Come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Many nickel batteries are green or have a green stripe. Commonly used in portable electronics requiring a long life.	Seal battery in Ziploc bag, one battery per bag.	May come as a sealed pack. 
Rechargeable Tool Batteries		Larger, rechargeable. Used in many types of cordless tools.	Cover contacts with duct tape or seal battery in Ziploc bag, one battery per bag.	May be Nickel Metal Hydride, Nickel Metal Cadmium, or Lithium Ion
Laptop Batteries		Usually rectangular. Rechargeable. Used in a variety of laptop computers.	Cover contacts with duct tape or seal battery in Ziploc bag, one battery per bag.	May be Nickel Metal Hydride, Nickel Metal Cadmium, Lithium Polymer or Lithium Ion
Button or "Coin" Cell		Small, flat, circular shape. Used in small portable devices such as wrist watches and hearing aids.	Lay batteries, NOT touching each other, on a piece of clear packing tape, sticky side up. Then lay another piece of packing tape, face down on top of batteries. Press to seal the edges of the tape.	Example of properly taped up batteries 