

# Battery Recycling

Some Batteries Contain  
**Mercury, Cadmium and/or Lead**  
 ~ Help Keep Them Out Of Our Environment ~

Wonder what to do with used batteries?

***Simply follow the Rule of Thumb:***

***Button and rechargeable batteries must be recycled.***

***Most non-rechargeable batteries can be tossed in the trash.***

## Battery Basics

| BATTERY TYPE<br>COMMON NAME            | PROPER DISPOSAL  | EXAMPLES OF USE   |
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| <b>VEHICLE</b>                         |  |   |
| Lead- Acid Wet Cell                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return to purchase retailer</li> <li>Bring to Household Hazardous Waste Collection</li> </ul> | Cars, boats, snowmobiles, golf carts, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and some wheelchairs                          |
| <b>BUTTON</b>                          |  |   |
| Alkaline Button                        | Throw in trash   | Radios, toys, calculators, electronic games and watches.  |
| Mercuric Oxide Button                  | Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below   | Hearing aids  |
| Nickel Cadmium Button                  | Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below   | Commercial applications – computers dog collars   |
| Silver Oxide Button                    | Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below   | Hearing Aids, watches, calculators<br>Toys, musical greeting cards / Books.   |
| Lithium Button                         | Throw in trash   | Cameras, calculators, computer memory back-up, pagers, watches hearing aids, digital thermometers And smoke detectors |
| Zinc-Air Button                        | Throw in trash   | Hearing aids, portable computers and pagers.  |
| <b>RECHARGABLE</b>                     |  |   |
| Lead-Acid or Gel Cell (Non-automotive) | Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below   | Video Camera, cell phones, cordless phones, flashlights,  |

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| Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)       | Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below | power tools, clocks, portable computers, home security systems, some wheel chairs, appliances, weed trimmers, camcorders, pagers and toys. |
| Lithium Ion (Li-ion)         | Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below |  |
| Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) | Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below |  |
| Small Sealed Lead (Pb)       | Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below |  |
| Alkaline                     | Throw in trash   | Flashlights, radios, toys, remote controls, electronic games, portable radios and televisions and garage door openers.                     |
| <b>NON-RECHARGABLE</b>       |  |  |
| Alkaline                     | Throw in trash   | Flashlights, radios, toys, remote controls, electronic games, portable radios and televisions and garage door openers.                     |
| Lithium                      | Throw in trash – unless larger than 9 volt             | Camera, computer memory backup, video equipment, remote controls and garage door openers.  |
| Carbon Zinc (Heavy Duty)     | Throw in trash   | Clocks garage door openers, pagers, smoke detectors, electric fence controllers, alarms, lighting and lanterns                             |
| Silver Oxide                 | Hazardous – Don't throw in trash – recycle – see below | Cameras and invisible fencing  |

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| <b>HOT TIP!</b> | <b>REDUCE WASTE: Use electricity, not batteries in dual-powered products whenever possible. Buy rechargeable or long lasting batteries. Example: Two AA Ni-Cd rechargeable batteries can replace up to 600 single-use batteries.</b> |
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To properly dispose of batteries, that should not be placed in the trash, bring them to a household hazardous waste collection, during the summer months, or place them in a drop box in one of the following locations:

- Martin County Courthouse—In the hall by the Martin County Coordinator's Office, Room 100, Fairmont, MN
- Prairieland Solid Waste Management Facility - Truman
- Welcome City Hall – Welcome
- Sherburn City Hall – Sherburn
- Trimont City Hall – Trimont

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