

BATTERIES ARE **NOT ALLOWED** IN YOUR WASTE OR RECYCLING CONTAINERS

An estimated 65% of fires reported at 26 waste facilities throughout California last year were caused by batteries. Improper disposal of batteries have caused millions of dollars of damage to trash collection vehicles and facility equipment.



All batteries, including lithium-ion batteries, are considered hazardous waste in California when they are discarded. This includes all batteries of sizes **AAA, AA, C, D, button cell, 9 Volt**, both rechargeable and single use. All batteries must be taken to a household hazardous waste disposal facility, a universal waste handler (e.g., storage facility or broker), or an authorized recycling facility.

Rechargeable **lithium-ion batteries** are a technological breakthrough as they hold a lot of energy in a small, lightweight package. **They also have a high potential to explode or catch fire when they overheat, are damaged or are improperly manufactured.**

Please do not throw your batteries away in your trash or recycling containers.

Various counties host a number of collection events throughout the year. You can view the list of accepted items and event locations on the back side of this flyer.

How to get rid of old batteries?

When your rechargeable, Lithium, NiCad, NiMH, button or lead-acid (car/motorcycle) batteries lose their charge, it might seem easy to just throw them in the trash. But is it safe?

These types of batteries can leak or cause fires in your home trash can, trash truck or at a local waste disposal facility!



 **Recycle them!**

For collection events and drop-off locations in your county check below:

Orange County

The Orange County Waste and Recycling Department holds a number of collection events at various locations throughout Orange County. You can view the list of accepted items, event locations and a list of the department's permanent collection centers, by checking out this link: www.oclandfills.com/hazardous-waste

Imperial County

The Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency holds a number of collection events at various locations throughout Imperial County. You can view the list of accepted items, event locations and a list of the department's permanent collection centers, by checking out this link: www.ivrma.org/hazmat.php

Los Angeles County

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works holds a number of collection events at various locations throughout Los Angeles County. You can view the list of accepted items, event locations and a list of the department's permanent collection centers, by checking out this link: www.dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/hhw/Batteries

Riverside County

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources holds a number of collection events at various locations throughout Riverside County. You can view the list of accepted items, event locations and a list of the department's permanent collection centers, by checking out this link: www.rcwaste.org/waste-guide/universal

San Bernardino County

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Household Hazardous Waste holds a number of collection events at various locations throughout San Bernardino County. You can view the list of accepted items, event locations and a list of the department's permanent collection centers, by checking out this link: www.sbcfire.org/HHW/

There are also local E-waste drop-off locations nearby at Lowe's and Home Depot stores. Please visit www.call2recycle.org/locator/

Lithium ION batteries must be dropped off in a plastic bag, or with taped contact points.

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/reducewaste/batteries>

<https://recyclinginternational.com/batteries/battery-campaign-warns-against-the-hidden-dangers-of-disposal/>



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