

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.

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 and event locations by checking out this link: www.rcwaste.org/waste-guide/universal. For the department's permanent collection centers, see the list on their website.

Recycle them!

Batteries are accepted for recycling at all Riverside County HHW & E-waste collection events.

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

You can drop off your used batteries at:
Batteries & Bulbs located at
26475 Ynez Rd., Temecula, CA
or at the Temecula Public Library located at
30600 Pauba Rd., Temecula, CA

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

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

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