

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE BATTERIES IN YOUR WASTE OR RECYCLE CARTS

An estimated 65% of fires reported at 26 waste facilities throughout California last year were caused by batteries, according to a recent study commissioned by the California Product Stewardship Council. Usage of rechargeable batteries is on the rise: around 95% of Americans own a mobile phone, and almost 50% have laptops and tablets. Call2Recycle's latest market survey found that 60% of consumers throw away some or all of their single-use batteries and 15% do the same with rechargeable batteries.

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



Used batteries, not including vehicle or acid batteries, should be placed in sealed clear plastic bag and taken to a drop off location (visit rcwaste.org/waste-guide/universal for a list of accepted items and HHW collection events). The National Fire Prevention Association advises placing tape on 9-volt batteries, commonly used in smoke detectors, since the positive and negative posts are so close together that a paperclip or other metal object touching both posts could generate enough heat to start a fire. Remember that even an uncharged battery can ignite a fire.



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

Lithium-ion batteries power all kinds of electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, digital cameras, power tools, tablets and laptops. When those items break or are replaced with newer devices, the batteries need to be removed and disposed of properly.



With all of the combustible materials contained within the trash and recycling streams, batteries have the potential to cause a landfill or recycling center fire. They can also cause fires inside refuse and recycling trucks.

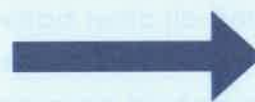
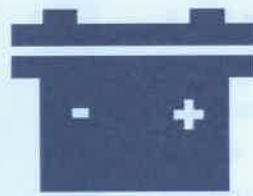
Please be mindful when throwing away/discarding batteries since they have the potential to start fires and can be very dangerous for our communities.

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 the website page.

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?

NO!



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



Recycle them!

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

There are also local E-waste drop-off locations nearby at Lowe's and Home Depot stores:

Please visit:
www.call2recycle.org/locator/

Check out our website! www.crrwasteservices.com



eDelivery

Customers have the option to receive billing statements electronically through eDelivery. This is another step to reduce paper usage and to meet the statewide goal of 75% diversion from the landfill by 2020. You may sign up for eDelivery by visiting our website at www.crrwasteservices.com. Thank you for doing your part to help our environment!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: NON-COLLECTION DAYS

New Year's Day	Independence Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Labor Day	Christmas Day

If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, trash will be collected on your normal collection day with no delays to your pickup. If the holiday falls during the work week, collection for the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day. For example, if Independence Day falls on a Monday, and your normal collection day is on a Thursday, your pickup for that week will be on Friday.

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