

Proper Household Battery Disposal

Although waste batteries are a small amount of the solid waste stream, they are a concentrated source of some types of heavy metals including cadmium, lead and mercury.

Non-rechargeable (disposable)			
Battery	Common Uses	Hazardous Component	Disposal
Carbon Zinc	Many household uses	Since 1993 domestically produced carbon zinc batteries contain no added mercury	Household Trash
Alkaline	Many household uses	Since 1993 domestically produced alkaline batteries contain no added mercury	Household Trash
Silver Oxide (Button)	Calculators, watches, cameras	Silver	HHW Drop Off
Zinc-air (Button)	Hearing aids, pagers, cameras	Mercury	HHW Drop Off
Lithium	Computers, cameras	Lithium	HHW Drop Off
Rechargeable (Reusable)			
Battery	Common Uses	Hazardous Component	Disposal
Small Sealed Lead-Acid	Tools, camcorders	Lead	HHW Drop Off
Alkaline	Many household uses	Since 1995 these batteries contain no added mercury	Household Trash
Nickel-Cadmium	Smoke alarms, tools, household uses	Cadmium	HHW Drop Off
Nickel-Zinc	Cellular and cordless phones, cordless power tools, laptop computers, PDAs, two-way radios, camcorders, remote control toys, and other cordless products	A non-toxic, safe, high performance rechargeable Ni-Zn battery	HHW Drop Off