



Battery Recycling for Businesses

Use the chart below to determine how to handle used batteries generated by your business.

Batteries that are considered hazardous must be recycled or managed by your business as a hazardous waste. Businesses are strongly encouraged to recycle batteries that, while not considered hazardous waste, are readily recyclable.

Where to Recycle? Go to dnr.wi.gov and search “markets directory” to find a recycler.

Battery Type	Sizes	Uses	
DISPOSABLE - NOT EASILY RECYCLED			NON-HAZARDOUS
Alkaline (Manganese)	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Flashlights, toys, clocks, portable electronics, smoke alarms, remote controls	
RECYCLING ENCOURAGED			
Reusable Alkaline Manganese (Rechargeable)	AAA, AA, C, D	Flashlights, toys, clocks, portable electronics, smoke alarms, remote controls	
Carbon Zinc	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Low drain devices, such as calculators, toys, clocks, smoke alarms, remote controls, transistor radios, garage door openers	
Zinc-air	Button, 9V	Hearing aids, medical devices	
RECYCLE OR MANAGE AS HAZARDOUS WASTE			HAZARDOUS
Button - multiple types	Sizes Vary	Watches, hearing aids, small portable electronics, computer motherboards, toys, greeting cards, remote controls	
Lithium/Lithium Ion	3V, 6V, 9V, Button, AAA, AA, C, D	Portable electronics, power tools, computer packs	
Nickel-Cadmium (Rechargeable)	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Flashlights, toys, cellular phones, power tools, computer packs, R/C hobby vehicles	
Nickel-Metal Hydride (Rechargeable)	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V	Same as Nickel-Cadmium (above)	
Sealed Lead Acid (Rechargeable)	Multiples of 2 Volts: 2V, 6V, 12V	Video cameras, power tools, wheelchairs, ATV's, metal detectors, clocks, cameras	
Silver Oxide	Sizes Vary	Watches, hearing aids, toys, greeting cards, remote controls	
Mercury Oxide (now banned in US)	Sizes Vary	Watches, calculators, hearing aids	
Lead Acid Vehicle Batteries (banned from WI landfills)	12V, 6V	Cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats and other vehicles	

