

Disposing of Your Batteries

Rechargeable Batteries

Most rechargeable batteries used today are considered non-hazardous based on their “metal” content, which is nickel metal hydride and lithium ion. Therefore, they can be disposed of according to US federal guidelines. We do, however, ask that consumers recycle their rechargeable batteries to capture those that do contain hazardous waste such as lead acid and nickel cadmium.

Due to the chemicals in them, you should recycle rechargeable, lithium, lithium ion, and zinc air batteries.

We encourage you to visit www.rbrc.org, the web site of the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC), or call 1-800-BATTERY, to find a convenient recycling location.

DISPOSING OF GENERAL PURPOSE & ALKALINE BATTERIES

Alkaline batteries can be safely disposed of with normal household waste. Never dispose of batteries in fire because they could explode.

It is important not to dispose of large amounts of alkaline batteries in a group. Used batteries are often not completely "dead." Grouping used batteries together can bring these "live" batteries into contact with one another, creating safety risks.

Proven cost-effective and environmentally safe recycling processes are not yet universally available for alkaline batteries. Some communities offer recycling or “collection of alkaline batteries”—contact your local government for disposal practices in your area.